



TOWN REPORT 1964

NORTHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS

Cover Picture

Northfield's first Town Hall, which burned in 1924, was originally projected in 1850. Four years of somewhat confused planning elapsed before it was voted in town meeting to raise \$500 to purchase land for it and \$3,250 for the building. The site finally selected was the southwest corner of Arad Alexander's garden. The building budget, at first denounced as extravagant, was augmented later in the year by an additional \$610 for stone steps, settees and wood-burning furnaces.

As described in *A Puritan Outpost*, Herbert C. Parsons' history of Northfield, the Town Hall was "imposing but by no means ornate." Its interior was a spacious hall with a platform at the far end holding a long, ornamental black walnut desk. Over the main entrance was a shallow gallery with level floor. Only the front row seats afforded a view of any part of the main floor. Under the gallery were rooms for the town officers.

The windows, nearly the height of the hall, provided its most unusual feature by reason of the multi-colored glass used in their 10 x 18 inch panes. This gave town meetings a startling kaleidoscopic effect. It could have been a somewhat un-nerving experience for a visitor on a sunny March day to watch the gathering of green, blue, purple and yellow voters solemnly transacting town business while rivaling the chameleon in changes of hue during the day-long meeting. Obviously Northfield faced no integration problem in those days as far as the drawing of any color line was concerned. At night, less exciting illumination was provided by kerosene lamp chandeliers.

When it was opened late in 1854, the hall came into immediate community use for everything from dances and debates to plays, concerts, church fairs, maple sugar and strawberry festivals, political rallies and traveling shows. An unplanned feature was a distinct echo which seemed to spur town meeting orators to new heights of Websterian eloquence. From 1878 until Dickinson Memorial Library was opened in 1898, the building also housed the Social Library which had been founded in 1813.

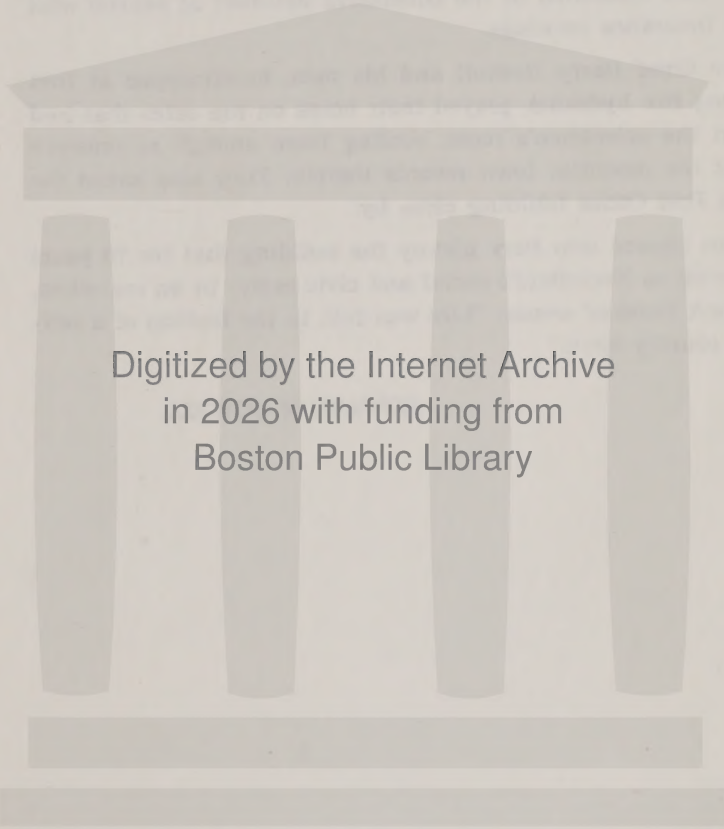
In 1904 the Town Hall was remodeled and enlarged at a cost of \$6,000. A modern stage was installed and more adequate town offices. But the "calico windows" were replaced in the process with clear glass and town meetings thereafter were never so colorful as they once were.

Shortly before 11:00 o'clock on the morning of February 11, 1924, smoke was seen pouring out from beneath the Town Hall roof. Starting from the furnace room area, fire too long undiscovered had made such headway that the building was doomed. At 1:00 o'clock the roof fell in. Northfield's wooden Town Hall was a total loss, estimated in the Greenfield Recorder at \$40,000 with \$12,000 insurance coverage.

Fire Chief Harry Haskell and his men, handicapped at first by frozen fire hydrants, played their hoses on the safes that had been in the selectmen's room, cooling them enough to preserve most of the essential town records therein. They also saved the wooden Post Office building close by.

Thus passed into fiery history the building that for 70 years had served as Northfield's social and civic center in an era when, in Herbert Parsons' words: "Life was full, in the fashion of a self-reliant country town."

EDWARD M. POWELL



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Elected Town Officers

March 1964 to March 1965

MODERATOR

George M. Leonard

TOWN CLERK

Horace F. Field

TOWN TREASURER

Helen Gorzocoski

SELECTMEN

Robert B. Shearer, Chairman	Term expires March 1965
Dwight P. Stearns	Term expires March 1966
Stanley J. Powers	Term expires March 1967

ASSESSORS

Clifford A. Field	Term expires March 1965
Winthrop E. Spencer, Chairman & Clerk	Term expires March 1966
Lee H. Sheldon	Term expires March 1967

TAX COLLECTOR

Gordon W. Leavis	Term expires March 1965
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Elizabeth L. Bolton	Term expires March 1965
Frank J. Rockwell, Elected June 1964	Term expires March 1965
Norma A. Stearns, Resigned June 1964	
Alfred Montague	Term expires March 1967

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Charles W. Llewelyn	Term expires March 1965
Carolyn B. Parenteau	Term expires March 1967

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Dorothy L. Miller	Term expires March 1965
Luman A. Barber	Term expires March 1965
John Trumbull, Elected Jan. 1965	Term expires March 1965
Lillian G. Wells	Term expires March 1966
Donald Q. McCollester, Resigned Dec. 1964	
Jean P. Hathaway	Term expires March 1967
William H. Hawley	Term expires March 1967

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Horace F. Field	Term expires March 1965
Walter R. Clark	Term expires March 1966
Owen Stacy	Term expires March 1967

TREE WARDEN

Joseph Bilmon	Term expires March 1967
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CONSTABLES

Paul E. Chamberlain	Term expires March 1965
Joseph G. Morgan	Term expires March 1965
Niles E. Stone	Term expires March 1965
William J. Young	Term expires March 1965

PLANNING BOARD

Gerald R. Barnes, Elected Oct. 1964	Term expires March 1965
Harvey H. Hathaway, resigned Oct. 1964	
Edward M. Powell, Sr.	Term expires March 1966
Raymond A. Kinmouth	Term expires March 1967
Harold Newton	Term expires March 1968
L. Percy Goodspeed	Term expires March 1969

FINANCE BOARD

APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

Frank Bordner	Term expires March 1965
Donald T. Snow	Term expires March 1965
Albert W. Stompe	Term expires March 1966
Aaron W. Newton	Term expires March 1966
Corys M. Heselton, Chairman	Term expires March 1967
Vernal G. Hurlburt	Term expires March 1967

COMMITTEE TO STUDY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Frank J. Rockwell	Walter W. Hyde
Robert P. Barnes	

Appointments by Selectmen for 1965

ACCOUNTANT

Helen M. Stearns

Term expires July 1965

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Howard E. Williams

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Eugene Miller

Philip Mann, Jr.

Paul Carpenter

ACTING POLICE CHIEF

Stanley T. Wickey

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Paul E. Chamberlain

Joseph G. Morgan

Niles E. Stone

Wallace Stange

Albert Weissinger

William J. Young

SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS

Albert Weissinger

Term expires April 1965

GYPSY MOTH AGENT

Joseph S. Bilmon

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Robert L. Huber

Edward Dwight

Floyd M. Dunnell, Jr.

Edward Burniske

Leon H. Dunnell

Dominick Ferrante

Frank F. Kelley

Donald Smith

James McCollister

Arthur Brown

Dorothy Bogusz

INSPECTOR OF MEAT AND SLAUGHTERING

Leonard W. Barnes

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Frank J. Rockwell

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Gilbert S. Hammond

Term expires April 1965

FENCE VIEWERS

James E. Dresser

Roger E. Bassett

Laurence M. Hammond

FIELD DRIVERS

James E. Dresser, Jr.
Joseph J. Bartus
Fred M. Fuller

Robert L. Gibson
Martin Fritz
Paul Gorzocoski

Edward C. Bolton

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND TIMBER

James E. Dresser

Fred I. Bolton

DOG OFFICER

William Young

FOREST WARDEN

Joseph S. Bilmon

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Clayton H. Glazier
Chalmers Reed
Laurence M. Hammond

Term expires 1966
Term expires 1967
Term expires 1968

ELECTION OFFICERS

James R. Dale
Helen Greene
Flora C. Abbey
Catherine Gilbert

Helen M. Stearns
Harrison Stacy
Ann P. James
Edward M. Powell, Jr.

SUBSTITUTE ELECTION OFFICERS

Minnie Skinner
Mary L. Holton

Delores R. Avery
Edith Smolen

1965 Jury List

Owen Stacey
Joseph M. Mankowsky
Pearl B. Allen
Warner H. Smith
Virginia M. Koonz
Erma M. Knapp

Harlan E. Randall
Alice Mosse
Grace T. Young
Harold D. Williams
Carl J. Stone
Walter Wozniak

Selectmen's Report for 1964

The Selectmen submit the following report for the year of 1964:

A new Dodge truck, a Hone-way plow and a sander were purchased and placed in service. A second-hand dump body for the G.M.C. truck was also purchased to replace one which was beyond repair.

The Sewage survey report as performed by Tighe and Bond was received and accepted.

Mr. Pelzel, chairman of the plumbing code study committee, presented recommendations for a plumbing code based on the National code which was approved by the State Commissioner, Mr. Risi.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield coverage for members of the Highway Department was initiated. The cost is being assumed by the employees participating in the plan.

Our representative to the General Court, Winston Healy, is presenting to the General Court our request for permission to formulate a water district in the Town of Northfield by the purchase of the Northfield Water Works.

Repairs on the Town Hall as performed by Edward Bolton, contractor, consist of replacing two concrete window sills, cutting steps at North entrance, cementing holes in front entrance, putting and priming window frames. All trim and window frames should be painted this coming year.

A gift of one hundred dollars from the Squakheag Squares Dance Club was accepted and applied towards the cost of refinishing the floor in the auditorium.

Work on Gulf Road and South Mountain Road, under the supervision of our Superintendent of Highways, Albert Weissinger, is progressing rapidly. We hope to complete it this coming summer.

Our thanks to those who were kind enough to assist us in making Northfield a better town to live in.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. SHEARER, Chairman
DWIGHT P. STEARNS
STANLEY J. POWERS

Board of Selectmen

Town Clerk's Report

It is extremely important the Vital Statistics record be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that correction may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1964

Date	Name	Parents
January, 1964		
2	Archambo, Kelly Jean	Benjamin L. & Elizabeth C.
13	Tessier, Michelle Elizabeth	Gerald D. & Jeanette M.
24	O'Connell, Todd Edward	John D. & Mary E.
February		
16	Miller, Todd David	David A. & Rene M.
27	Callahan, Pamela Jane	John T. & Jean E.
March		
5	Fortier, Edward Earl	Edward L. & Alice E.
9	Lake, Darlene Mary	William M. & Anita B.
10	Hathaway, Andrew Joseph	Joseph E. & Ann B.
12	Finch, Jennifer	Edwin W. & Rena S.
18	Baker, Philip James	William J. & Patricia A.
21	Messier, Michele	Charles B. & Donna J.
22	Vielmetti, Christine Camilla	Richard J. & Dorothy L.
April		
11	Vassar, John Christopher	Gettis & Lorine S.
11	Towle, Kimberly Michele	Wesley B. & Karen M.
17	Shine, Deneen Ruth	David L. & Shirley H.
24	Fuller, Robert Fredd	Fredd M. & Margaret L.
24	Matosky, Michelle Diane	Stephen A. & Leanne M.
May		
15	Gibson, Jaclyn Marian	David R. & Betty Ann
19	Holloway, Patricia Jean	Alwin G. & Helen S.

June

12 Cutler, Debra Jean
15 DeGrenier, James Davis
20 Thayer, Tammy Marie
30 Fortin, Cheryl Lee

Robert E. & Barbara T.
Francis A. & Judith D.
Donald & Ruth J.
Harold J, Jr. & Janet I.

July

21 Farrar, Rosemary

Robert P. & Mary N.

August

2 Podlenski, Frank Bernard Jr.
6 Leavis, Leslie Ann
13 Whitney, Karen Ann
17 Bolton, Sterling Craig
28 Flemister, Allyn

Frank B. & Mary E.
Gordon W. & Linda J.
Robert E. & Editha M.
Alan S. & Jessie Ann E.
James M. & Judith A.

September

6 Goller, Jennifer Lynn
17 Hogan, Edward John

Lawrence J. & Cynthia J.
John A. & Lorita D.

October

1 Monette, Peter Craig
3 Jurkowski, Andrea Irene
11 Touchette, Mychelle Marie
15 Whitney, Clifton Lawrence

Ernest J, Jr. & Roberta A.
John F. & Irene A.
Francis A. & Edna S.
Ronald J. & Linda M.

November

15 Berry, Eric Lee
18 Clark, Candace Jo

Burton & Marilyn L.
Francis E. & Margaret A.

December

1 Gleason, Peter Charles
16 Conway, Richard Edward Jr.
18 Carpenter, Beth Ann

Arthur E. & Deborah H.
Richard E. & Carolyn R.
Arthur W. & Ruth H.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1964

Date	Name and Residence	Place of Marriage
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January

✓ 4	Amato, Anthony Nicholas, Vernon, Vt. Stafford, Judith Arlene, Northfield, Mass.	Vernon, Vt.
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February

✓ 15	Hill, George Anson Jr., Nashua, N.H. Hammond, Susan Elsa, Northfield, Mass	Northfield, Mass.
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? no original record
38 marriages 4 intention

- ✓ 22 Given, Frederick Eugene, Northfield, Mass. Vernon, Vt.
Mitchell, Zoa Anne, Vernon, Vt.
- ✓ 29 Brooks, Clayton Raymond, Leyden, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Marshall, Sandra Jean, Erving, Mass.

March

- ✓ 4 Cutler, Robert Eugene, Northfield, Mass. Brattleboro, Vt.
Thomas, Barbara Ann, Vernon, Vt.

April

- ✓ 11 Podlenski, Frank Bernard, Northfield, Mass. Hinsdale N.H.
Smith, Mary Elizabeth, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 25 Perkins, Robert Douglas, Temple City, Cal. Northfield, Mass.
Neigh, Jean Elizabeth, Northfield, Mass.

May

- ? 27 Amsden, David Norman, Northfield, Mass Northfield, Mass.
Stone, Eva Mae, Northfield, Mass.

June

- ✓ 8 Schepp, Robert Hilbert, Northfield, Mass. Montague, Mass.
Putnam, Charlotte Ada (Page), Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 13 Damrosch, Leopold Jr., New York, N.Y. Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ Raymond, Sheila Fernald, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 20 Field, Charles Fabens, Northfield, Mass. Leyden, Mass.
Glabach, April Marie, Leyden, Mass.
- ✓ 21 Lapine, William, Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Davis, Elizabeth Lottie, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 27 Glesmann, Edward F. Jr., Holyoke, Mass. Northfield Mass.
Polhemus, Jeanette, Gill, Mass.

July

- ✓ 4 Streeter, James Herbert, Northfield, Mass. Orange, Mass.
Pollard, Patricia Ann, Orange, Mass
- ✓ 11 Scott, Brian James, Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Stoddard, Kathryn Louise, Pelham, Mass.
- ✓ 25 Jonah, Charles Kenneth, Needham, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Collings, Esther (Benton), Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 25 Llewelyn, Charles William, Jr., Northfield, Mass. Natick, Mass.
Perry, Mary Elizabeth, Natick, Mass.

August

- ✓ 1 Roberts, Frederick Harrison, Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Roberts, Joyce Ann, Northfield, Mass.

- ✓ 2 Waugh, Daniel Clarke, North Stonington, Conn.
- ✓ True, Rachel Goodness, Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 8 Wentland, Martin Ernst, Newington, Conn. Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ Russell, Harriet Elleane, Bristol, Conn.
- ✓ 15 Pratt, Dwight William, Bernardston, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
- Billings, Marsha Elaine, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 15 Vogel, James Peter, Northampton, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
- Merrifield, Carol Marie, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 22 Mankowsky, John Jerome, Northfield, Mass. Montague, Mass.
- Rastallis, Jane Ann, Turners Falls, Mass.
- ✓ 29 McCassie, Leonard William, Northfield, Mass. Erving Mass.
- Gagne, Marie Alma, Turners Falls, Mass.
- ✓ 29 Main, Andrew James, Jr., Taunton, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
- Heselton, Lois Elaine, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 30 Morse, Edwin Lewis, Wareham, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
- Bishop, Helen Bodwell, Northfield, Mass.

September

- ✓ 5 Duprey, Douglas Clarence, Greenfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ St. Peter, Judith Ann, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 5 Boutwell, Raymond Leroy, Keene, N.H. Northfield, Mass.
- Holloway, Joyce Anne, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 12 Phillips, David William, Greenfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
- Kervian, Joyce Anne, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 26 Lagimoniere, Ernest Eugene, Montague City, Mass.
- Repeta, Mary Ann, Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.

October

- ✓ 10 Stebbins, Donald Paul, Northfield, Mass. Millers Falls, Mass.
- Boliski, Theresa Rose, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 17 Avery, Michael Lewis, Greenfield, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.
- Miller, Pamela Jeanne, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 24 Macomber, Raymond Franklin, Swansea, Mass.
- North Uxbridge, Mass.
- Olson, Karen Elizabeth, Northfield, Mass.

November

- ? 7 Smith, Ralph Adelbert, Northfield, Mass. Winchester, N.H.
- Griswold, Catherine, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 7 Sprague, Richard Tilden, Northfield, Mass. Millers Falls, Mass.
- Donnellan, Frances Agnes (Duda), Northfield, Mass.

December

- 23 Pearsall, Douglas Graham, Northfield, Mass. Wellesley, Mass.
Davis, Lee Olen, Wellesley, Mass.
- ✓ 24 Morgan, Daniel Fred, Northfield, Mass. Bernardston, Mass.
Avery, Priscilla, Greenfield, Mass.
- ✓ 26 Piper, Richard George, Westfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Martin, Joyce Elaine, Northfield, Mass.

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1964

Date	Name	Age		
		Years	Months	Days
January				
6	Zika, Bohumil	78	1	8
11	Bigelow, Emma May	53	2	22
13	Browning, Homer Franklin Sr.	81	4	26
14	Hausman, Amelia Elizabeth	87	5	26
19	Mann, Mattie Aileen (Smith)	94	2	1
March				
8	Tunison, Jesse Dennett	63	6	12
24	Smith, Lula E. Ward	84	6	24
April				
20	Leach, Bertha Dale Peabody	76	10	14
30	Tucker, Julius Samuel	73	0	19
May				
9	Szestowicki, Joseph	80	6	1
16	Bullard, Ellen H.	76	9	1
July				
18	Hall, William A.	85	6	17
27	Kord, Zigmont Joseph	71	5	26
October				
23	Parker, Charles Albert	90	3	7
November				
2	Porter, Florence Shelly	84	0	9
5	Lawrence, Irving J.	79	10	29
16	Berry, Eric Lee			1
December				
7	William Grant Slate	95	6	13
22	John Fendel	83	3	7

DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1964

Male Dogs	131
Female	19
Female (Spayed)	73
Special Kennel (\$10.00)	5
Special Kennel (\$25.00)	2

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED IN 1964

Resident Fishing	67
Resident Hunting	135
Resident Sporting	76
Resident Minor Fishing	35
Resident Women's Fishing	27
7 Day Non-Resident Fishing	7
Non-Resident Fishing	25
Alien Fishing	0
Resident Minor Trapping	0
Resident Trapping	1
Non-Resident Hunting	15
Archery Deer Stamp	3
Resident Sporting (Free)	24
Duplicate	3
Res. Citizen's Fishing (Free)	3

OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED IN 1964

Alcohol (Methyl)	1
Auctioneer	2
Auctioneer (Temporary)	1
Common Victualler	5
Gasoline	4
Innholder	1
Junk	0
Milk	4
Oleomargarine	0

COPY OF THE VOTES TAKEN AT THE

Annual Town Meeting

MARCH 2, 1964

ELECTION

The inhabitants of the Town of Northfield came to the Town Hall in answer to the call of the Warrant. The meeting was called to order and the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

The Polls were opened at ten A. M. and were closed at eight P. M. and it was determined the 589 votes had been cast. The results were as follows:

Town Clerk, one year	562
Horace F. Field	
Blanks	27
Town Treasurer, one year	
Helen B. Gorsocoski	547
Blanks	42
Selectman, three years	
Stanley Powers	533
Blanks	56
Moderator, one year	
George M. Leonard	505
Blanks	52
Assessor, three years	
Lee H. Sheldon	537
Blanks	52
Tax Collector, one year	
Gordon W. Leavis	502
Roy J. Fish	1
Blanks	86
School Committee, three years	
Alfred D. Montague	319
Frank J. Rockwell	264
Blanks	6
Library Trustees, (2) three years	
Jean P. Hatheway	490
William H. Hawley	490
Blanks	198

Cemetery Commissioner, three years	
Owen Stacey	540
Blanks	49
Tree Warden, three years	
Joseph Bilmon	553
Blanks	36
Planning Board, five years	
L. Percy Goodspeed	496
Blanks	93
PVRS Committee, three years	
Carolyn B. Parenteau	321
Evelyn U. True	264
Blanks	4

After the announcement of the results, the meeting was closed, to be reopened on Tuesday, March 3, 1964, in accordance with the Warrant.

Horace F. Field, Town Clerk

**COPY OF THE VOTES TAKEN AT THE
ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 1964**

Approximately eighty-five persons assembled in accordance with the Warrant as posted, to conduct the business of the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. George M. Leonard, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Invocation was given by Reverend Lester P. White. The Moderator waived the reading of the record. Mr. James R. Dale and Mrs. Helen M. Stearns were appointed to serve as tellers.

The consideration of the articles in the Warrant resulted as follows:

Article 1. No action was taken on the reports as printed in the Town Report with the following exceptions;

The Selectmen added to the Report of the Mary M. Ruggles Starkweather Memorial Fund that the bequest of \$8,000.00 has been received by the Town.

School Committee Chairman, Mrs. Evelyn U. True, explained the Town's participation as a member of the Regional Vocational-Technical School Planning Committee and called attention to the report enclosed with the Town Reports.

Article 2. Voted: That the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1964, and to issue a note or notes thereof, payable within one year, and to renew such notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws: any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1964.

Article 3. Voted: That the Town empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town.

Article 4. Voted: That the Moderator read the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee as salaries of elected officials, and also read the totals of all other amounts recommended by the Finance Committee to be raised and appropriated under the article, and unless objection is made, each item recommended in the report of the Finance Committee shall be tentatively accepted as appropriated for the purpose stated. If objection is made to any recommendation, such appropriation shall be taken up separately and the amount thereof and the manner of raising the same shall be determined by vote of the meeting, and tentatively accepted, and after all appropriations have been tentatively accepted, one vote shall be taken appropriating each amount so accepted as a single appropriation not to be exceeded.

Voted: That the salary of each elected official for the calendar year 1964 be fixed at the amount hereafter appropriated therefor:

Voted: That all appropriations having been tentatively accepted, one vote be taken appropriating each amount of accepted as a single appropriation not to be exceeded.

Selectmen		\$1025 00
Selectmen	\$375 00	
Others	325 00	
Expense		600 00
Welfare Board		275 00
Chairman	125 00	

Others	75 00	
Wire Inspector		50 00
Sealer of W. & M. Salary & Exp.		200 00
Dog Officer & Exp.		100 00
Nurse & Substitute		3200 00
Expense		75 00
Car Expense		200 00
Assessors Salary		1200 00
Each member	400 00	
Expense		375 00
Moderator Salary		25 00
Expenses		15 00
Town Accountant		1050 00
Expense		85 00
Constables, Spec. Police Pay, Exp. & Equip.		1600 00
Fire Dept. Salaries		500 00
Operating Exp.		4500 00
Water Holes		400 00
Public Safety		50 00
Treasurer Salary		1000 00
Expense		450 00
Tax Collector Salary		1000 00
Expense		900 00
Finance Comm. Exp.		25 00
Town Clerk Salary		550 00
Expense		100 00
School Comm. Salaries		300 00
Each Member	100 00	
PVRS Comm. Salaries		300 00
Each Member	100 00	
Planning Board Exp.		200 00
Town Hall Maintenance		5000 00
Town Garage & Fire Station Maintenance		1900 00
Highway Supt. Exp.		200 00
Highway Dept. Sick Leave, Vacations & Holidays		1382 00
Tools for Highway Work		100 00
Snow Removal		9000 00
Highway Bounds, Survey, Plans & St. Listing		100 00
Memorial & Veterans Day Observance		350 00
Fence Viewers, Field Drivers, Pound Keeper		50 00
Fire Station Bonds Maturing Debt		3000 00
Interest		756 00

Fire & Casualty Ins.	7375 00
Elementary School	133859 00
PVRDS Capital Budget	22398 68
PVRSD Operating Budget	114819 69
Athletic Field Maint.	400 00
General Relief	4000 00
Old Age Assistance	17000 00
Aid to Dependent Children	3000 00
Disability Assistance	1000 00
Med. Assistance to Aged	13000 00
Welfare Administration	400 00
Soldiers' Relief	2750 00
Legal Expense	250 00
Tree Trim & Planting	1200 00
Elections & Registrations	2000 00
Public Health	1500 00
Inspection of Animals	200 00
Inspec. of Meat & Slaughter	50 00
Alexander Hall	250 00
Interest	300 00
Land Damages	650 00
Town Clock	100 00
Town Reports	1014 52
Foreclosure cost Tax Titles	150 00
Prot. Tax Title Property	25 00

Article 5. Voted: To authorize the assessors to appoint one of their members as clerk of the Board under the provisions of Section 4a, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 to pay the salary of such clerk.

At this point, Town Clerk Horace F. Field proposed a standing vote of thanks to Mr. Edgar J. Livingston for his many years of service as Moderator and that this action be written into the records of this meeting.

Article 6. Voted: To rescind a vote of a previous Town Meeting, stating that Tax Valuation Books be published every three years, and to take no further action on this Article.

Article 7. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1700.00 for the Fire Dept. to use for the purchase of hose and other miscellaneous equipment.

Article 8. Voted: to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the Fire Dept. to purchase ten new tires for the Reo Tanker Fire Truck.

Article 9. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to be used to combat Dutch Elm Disease.

Article 10. Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for insect pest control.

Article 11. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Civil Defense Purposes, the same to be expended under the Direction of the Selectmen and the Civil Defense Committee.

Article 12. Voted: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of State Highways; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4950.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway repair and improvements; and that the sum of \$18,150.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State to be restored upon its receipt to unappropriated funds in the Treasury.

Article 13. Voted: That the sum of \$37,014.80 be appropriated to meet the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of \$9014.80 be transferred from the proceeds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Chapter 822 of the Acts of 1963; that the sum of \$7000.00 be appropriated by taxation, and that the sum of \$21,000.00 be transferred from "free cash" in the treasury to meet the State's and County's shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to the excess and deficiency account.

Article 14. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 to meet the Town's share of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, and in addition the sum of \$4,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County shares; the reimbursement upon its receipt to be restored to unappropriated funds in the Treasury.

Article 15. Voted: To transfer the sum of \$7000.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Maintenance Account.

Article 16. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for Bridges, Railings and Highway Work.

Article 17. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,800.00 to be used to trade for a new dump truck, portable sander, framework to support sander, and equip the truck for Highway Department Work.

Article 18. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the repair of existing sidewalks, and for new construction.

Article 19. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,600.00 for lighting streets.

Article 20. Voted: That the Selectmen of the Town of Northfield take such action as may be necessary to establish a water district within the Town of Northfield comprising the same geographical limits as covered by the Northfield Water Company created by Chapter 385, of Acts of 1898, and that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for the purpose of defraying the legal costs of organizing said district.

Article 21. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for hydrant service for 16 hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Co.

Article 22. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the use of the Field Library at Northfield Farms.

Article 23. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500.00 for the operation of the Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 24. Voted: To appropriate the money received from the County, known as the "Dog Fund" for the use of the Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 25. Voted: That the Town accept from the friends and family of Mrs. William P. Stanley the sum of \$305.00 to be left at interest and only the interest used by the Dickinson Memorial Library to purchase books. This fund is to be known as the Stanley Book Fund.

Article 26. Voted: That the Town accept any sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a grant providing state aid for free public libraries under the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960 and to appropriate the exact sum so received for its public library or libraries.

At this time a short recess was declared. Attention was directed to the painting, depicting the Northfield Town Hall, done by Charles E. Leach, local artist. The original painting has been given to the town by Mr. Leach and will be hung in the Dickinson Memorial Library. It was reproduced for the cover of the Town Report.

Article 27. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for repairs and maintenance of the Northfield Museum and No. Four School House.

Article 28. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$175.00 to be used by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars with the Cemetery Commissioners, to purchase markers to hold flags on Veterans' graves at all Northfield Cemeteries.

Article 29. Defeated: by standing vote 50 to 45. (Playground)

Article 30. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be used to purchase fish to be liberated in the streams of Northfield, under the supervision of the Selectmen.

Article 31. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,600.00 for the care and preservation of cemeteries.

Article 32. Voted: That the Planning Board Report on Sewage, given by Mr. Edward M. Powell, be accepted as a report of progress.

Article 33. Voted: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to dispose of, by sale or otherwise, the outmoded school furniture, books, and other articles stored in the attic of the north building of the Northfield Elementary School.

Article 34. Voted: To accept the School Committee's Special Report of the heating situation in the north building of the Elementary School, as read by Mrs. Arthur Bolton, as a report of progress. (Report on file with the Town Clerk.)

Article 35. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to purchase a typewriter for the use of the Town Treasurer.

Article 36. Voted: That the Town accept the sum of \$100.00 from Mrs. Marion Giersbach for perpetual care of Lot #54½ in Mt. Hermon Cemetery.

Article 37. Voted: That the Town transfer from Overlay Reserve, the sum of \$5,000.00 for a Reserve Fund for the current year.

Article 38. Voted: That the Town transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to be used by the Assessors in determining the 1964 Tax Rate.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Attest:

HORACE F. FIELD

Town Clerk

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

APRIL 28, 1964

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the voters assembled, the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk, and at 12:00 o'clock noon the polls were declared open. The polls were closed at eight P.M. and it was determined that 191 votes had been cast; 19 Democratic and 172 Republican.

The results were follows:

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Delegates at Large to the National Convention (10)

Group I

Leverett Saltonstall	112
Edward W. Brooke	103
Joseph William Martin, Jr.	100
John A. Volpe	105
Richard F. Treadway	99
Mary R. Wheeler	98
Georgia E. Ireland	98
Christian A. Herter	110
Bruce Crane	100
George C. Lodge	108

Group II

Michael Robbins	19
Jack E. Molesworth	20
Paul J. Kelley	17
Bernice L. Beckwith	18
Raymond F. Friesecke	17
Daniel J. Carmen	18
J. Laurence McCarty	18
Shepard A. Spunt	17
Elliott K. Slade, Jr.	21
Marshall G. Sade	19

Alternate Delegates at Large to the National Convention (10)

Group I

Philip A. Graham	99
Elmer C. Nelson	98
Hastings Keith	97

Philip K. Allen	97
Margaret M. Heckler	97
Russell G. Simpson	95
James H. Henderson	97
Irene K. Thresher	95
Sidney Q. Curtiss	98
Richard E. Mastrangelo	95
Group II	
Gerrald A. Giblin	20
Joseph Anal Mackay	21
Raymond F. Walsh	19
Robert J. Gilkie	20
Dorothy E. Graham	18
Sylvia G. Sanders	19
Frederick J. Mahony, Jr.	19
Jack A. Wilson	19
Thomas J. Barry	18
Gerald G. Aransky	18
Blanks	561
District Delegates to the National Convention (2)	
1st Congressional District	
Group I	
Silvio O. Conte	123
William Dwight	113
Group II	
Carl A. Keyser	19
Walter J. Campbell	16
Blanks	73
Alternate Dist. Delegates to the National Convention (2) 1st Congr. Dist.	
Group I	
George D. Hammond	114
Richard A. Hunter	111
Group II	
Patience S. Allen	19
Mabel P. Bardwell	16
Blanks	84

District Member of State Comm., Franklin-Hampshire Sen. Dist.
(Man)

Felix W. Borowski	115
Blanks	57

District Member of State Comm., Franklin-Hampshire Sen. Dist.
(Woman)

Bertha C. Farnsworth	129
Blanks	43

Republican Town Committee (25)

Evelyn H. Parker	147
Carolyn B. Parenteau	145
Harry A. Erickson	149
Stanley Wickey	148
Horace F. Field	160
Gilbert H. Stacy	153
Roy J. Fish	149
Helen E. Atwood	151
William H. Hawley	151
Raymond A. Kinmonth	141
Paul M. Mayberry	155
Edward M. Powell Jr.	153
Owen Stacey	147
Helen B. Gorzocoski	146
Francis B. Reed	147
Herbert H. Streeter	144
Agnes Hammond	144
Chalmers Reed	151
Donald T. Snow	146
Dorothy M. Hammond	147
Linda W. Leavis	145
Ross L. Spencer, Jr.	149
Roy A. Barrows	147
Wallace E. Stange	154
Blanks	559

Presidential Preference

Lodge	101
Goldwater	16
Nixon	13
Scranton	2
Rockefeller	3

Smith	2
Johnson	3
Romney	3
Blanks	29

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Delegates at Large to the National Convention (58)

John F. Albano	4
Ruth M. Batson	3
J. William Belanger	6
John S. Begley	6
Francis X. Bellotti	5
Thomas J. Buckley	3
William T. Buckley	4
James A. Burke	6
John P. S. Burke	6
Garrett H. Byrne	5
Robert V. Cauchon	3
Bernard Cohen	4
John F. Collins	6
John W. Costello	6
James J. Craven, Jr.	4
John F. X. Davoen	3
Harry Della Russo	3
John T. Dias	3
Gerald F. Doherty	5
John Thomas Driscoll	4
William P. Driscoll	4
Howard W. Fitzpatrick	5
Mary L. Fonseca	4
A. Frank Foster	4
Foster Furcolo	4
Edward P. Gilgun	4
William Hartigan	4
James W. Hennigan, Jr.	3
John B. Hynes	4
Walter J. Kelliher	4
George V. Kenneally, Jr.	5
Edward M. Kennedy	10
Robert Francis Kennedy	9
Daniel M. Keyes, Jr.	5
Ida R. Lyons	3

Torbert H. MacDonald	5
Timothy A. Mantalos	5
Norman Mason	5
Edward J. McCormack, Jr.	5
John W. McCormack	4
Patrick J. McDonough	4
Nicholas P. Morrissey	4
Daniel F. O'Brien	4
Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.	4
Endicott Peabody	8
Francis G. Poitras	3
Charles V. Ryan, Jr.	7
Benjamin Smith	5
Edward J. Sullivan	6
Sherwood J. Tarlow	5
Balcom S. Taylor	3
Betty Taymor	6
John F. Thompson	5
James A. Williams	5
Kevin H. White	5
Thomas J. White	4
Blanks	838

Alternate Delegates at Large to the National Convention (43)

Samuel H. Beer	3
Margaret M. Breen	4
William F. Brewin	5
Thomas P. Broderick	5
James F. Burke	5
Joseph C. Casdin	3
Charles N. Collatos	5
Joseph A. DeGuglielmo	4
Henry C. Donnelly	5
Donald J. Dowd	4
Rubin Epstein	4
John T. Farrell, Jr.	5
Joseph F. Feeney	3
William J. Foley, Jr.	4
Charles J. Hamilton	3
John E. Harrington, Jr.	5
Charles V. Hogan	4
Lester S. Hyman	4
Carl R. Johnson, Jr.	7

Frank H. Kelleher	5
Edward King	3
Philip Kramer	5
Edward Krock	3
Lawrence R. Laughlin	4
James P. Loughlin	4
Edward C. Maher	3
Vincent Mannering	4
Francis V. Matera	4
James R. McIntyre	4
Denis L. McKenna	4
Paul C. Menton	5
Dace J. Moore	3
Edward S. Moss	4
Bernard T. Moynihan	3
Paul V. Mullaney	3
George F. O'Meara, Jr.	4
James R. Purdy	3
Robert H. Quinn	5
Earl J. Riley	4
Anthony M. Scibelli	4
Bernard Solomon	5
Daniel M. Walsh, Jr.	4
Albert H. Zabriske,	6
Blanks	639
District Delegates to National Convention (2) 1st Congr. Dist.	
Maurice A. Donahue	8
James M. Burns	7
Blanks	23
Alternate Dist. Delegates to National Convention (2) 1st Congr. Dist.	
Robert B. Dillon	8
John D. Courtney, Jr.	7
Blanks	23
District Member of State Committee (1 Man)	
Timothy S. Ahern, Sr.	0
George F. Cramer, Jr.	2
Francis J. Kersavage	5
George J. O'Brien	7
Thomas J. O'Connor	0
Arthur B. Proulx	0
Blanks	5

District Member of State Committee (1 Woman)

Grace A. LaMontagne	0
Marion C. Wysocki	0
Elaine Regan Dray	2
Dorothy M. Sullivan	15
Madalyn M. Warren	0
Blanks	2

Democratic Town Committee (10)

James L. Dale	6
Catherine E. Gilbert	6
Helen Greene	6
Peter Leyden, Jr.	1
Blanks	57

Presidential Preference

Johnson	9
Lodge	1
Blanks	9

After the close of the Polls at eight o'clock, the Clerk read the above results in open meeting and the same was dissolved.

Attest:

HORACE F. FIELD

Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY

SEPTEMBER 10, 1964

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the voters assembled, the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk, and at Twelve o'clock noon the polls were opened. The polls were closed at eight P.M., and it was determined that 212 votes had been cast, 44 by Democrats and 168 by Republicans.

The results were as follows:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Senator in Congress	
Edward M. Kennedy	32
Blanks	12
Governor	
Endicott Peabody	24
Francis X. Bellotti	19
Pasquale Caggiano	1
John J. Droney	0
Blanks	0
Lieutenant Governor	
John W. Costello	36
Blanks	8
Attorney General	
James W. Hennigan, Jr.	37
Blanks	7
Secretary	
Kevin H. White	37
Blanks	7
Treasurer	
Robert Q. Crane	27
John Joseph Buckley	6
Louise Day Hicks	3
John F. Kennedy	4
Blanks	4
Auditor	
Thomas J. Buckley	23
Blanks	21
Congressman (First Dist.)	
Blanks	44
Councillor (Eighth Dist.)	
Raymond F. Sullivan	23
Armando G. Dimauero	3
Roman J. Partyka	9
Blanks	9
Senator (Franklin & Hampshire Dist.)	
Blanks	44

Representative in General Court (First Franklin Dist.)	
Blanks	44
Clerk of Courts (Franklin Co.)	
Blanks	44
Register of Deeds (Franklin Dist.)	
Blanks	44
County Commissioner (Franklin Co.) Vote for 2	
Blanks	88

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Senator in Congress	
Howard Whitmore, Jr.	162
Blanks	6
Governor	
John A. Volpe	157
Blanks	11
Lieutenant Governor	
Elliot L. Richardson	153
Blanks	15
Attorney General	
Edward W. Brooke	162
Blanks	6
Secretary	
Wallace B. Crawford	152
Blanks	16
Treasurer	
Robert C. Hahn	150
Blanks	18
Auditor	
Elwynn J. Miller	154
Blanks	14
Congressman (First Dist.)	
Silvio O. Conte	161
Blanks	7

Councillor (Eighth Dist.)	
Walter A. Aranow	149
Blanks	19
Senator (Franklin and Hampshire Dist.)	
Charles A. Bisbee, Jr.	160
Blanks	8
Representative in General Court	
(First Franklin Dist.)	
Winston Healy	158
Blanks	10
Clerk of Courts (Franklin Co.)	
John R. Moseley	159
Blanks	9
Register of Deeds (Franklin Dist.)	
Carlos Allen	159
Blanks	9
County Commissioners (Franklin Co.) (2)	
Thomas Herlihy	138
Wendell E. Streeter	151
Roderick L. Lively	23
Chester M. Pietraszek	15
Blanks	9

After the polls were closed at eight o'clock P.M., the Ballots were counted, the Clerk read the above results, and the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

HORACE F. FIELD

Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting

OCTOBER 26, 1964

Approximately 250 inhabitants of Northfield assembled at the Town Hall in accordance with Warrant as posted, to conduct the business of the Special Town Meeting. The Moderator, Mr. George M. Leonard, called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M., and the following action was taken:

Article 1. Voted that the Town accept \$100.00 from the Squaheag Squaredancers.

Article 2. Voted to transfer from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Maintenance Account the sum of \$1500.00.

Article 3. Voted to accept the provisions of sections sixteen to sixteen I, inclusive, of Chapter seventy-one of the General Laws providing for the establishment of a regional school district comprising the towns of Ashfield, Athol, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Leyden, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Petersham, Royalston, Shelburne, Shutesbury, Sunderland, and Warwick, and the construction, maintenance and operation of a regional school by the said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the selectmen. (Written Vote)

A vote was passed stating that the polls open at 8:40 o'clock and be held open until 10:00 P.M. or until all had voted.

The Clerk read the results, 205 voted yes and 42 voted no. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 o'clock.

Attest:

HORACE F. FIELD

Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 3, 1964

At the time and place as set forth in the Warrant, the qualified voters of the Town of Northfield assembled. The Warrant was read by the Town Clerk and the Polls were opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The Polls were closed at eight P.M. and it was determined that a total of 1140 votes were cast. The results were as follows:

Electors of President & Vice President

Goldwater and Miller	484
Hass and Blomen	1
Johnson and Humphrey	631
Munn and Shaw	8
Blanks	20

Senator in Congress

Edward M. Kennedy	499
Howard Whitmore, Jr.	614
Lawrence Gilfedder	0
Grace F. Luder	5
Blanks	22

Governor

Francis X. Bellotti	326
John A. Volpe	795
Francis A. Votano	1
Guy S. Williams	6
Blanks	12

Lieutenant Governor

John W. Costello	257
Elliot L. Richardson	833
Edgar E. Gaudet	3
Prescott E. Grout	6
Blanks	41

Attorney General

Edward W. Brooke	944
James W. Hennigan, Jr.	164
Willy N. Hogseth	0
Howard R. Rand	3
Blanks	29

Secretary

Kevin H. White	388
Wallace B. Crawford	689
Fred M. Ingersoll	0
Julia B. Kohler	6
Blanks	57

Treasurer

Robert Q. Crane	309
Robert C. Hahn	752
Warran C. Carberg	4
Arne A. Sortell	0
Blanks	75

Auditor

Thaddeus Buczko	263
Elwynn J. Miller	796
John Charles Hedges	5
Ethelbert L. Nevens	5
Blanks	71

Congressman

Silvio O. Conte	1021
Spencer Flo	1
Blanks	118

Councillor

Raymond F. Sullivan	335
Walter A. Aranow	704
Blanks	101

Senator

Charles A. Bisbee, Jr.	994
Blanks	146

Representative in General Court

Winston Healy	998
Blanks	142

Clerk of Courts

John R. Moseley	1002
Blanks	138

Register of Deeds

Carlos Allen	998
Blanks	142

County Commissioners	
Thomas Herlihy	808
Wendell E. Streeter	870
Blanks	602
Question No. One (Term of Office)	
Yes	695
No	231
Blanks	214
Question No. Two (Succession of Power)	
Yes	843
No	75
Blanks	222
Question No. Three (Credit of the Commonwealth)	
Yes	790
No	100
Blanks	250
Question No. Four (Submitting Questions to Supreme Court)	
Yes	790
No	97
Blanks	253
Question No. Five (Appointments)	
Yes	485
No	378
Blanks	277
Question No. Six (Pay Raises)	
Yes	442
No	414
Blanks	284
Question No. Seven	
A. Shall Licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whiskey, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?	
Yes	438
No	592
Blanks	110

B. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages?

Yes	414
No	573
Blanks	153

C. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages?

Yes	463
No	545
Blanks	132

After the reading of the results, the meeting was dissolved.

Attest:

HORACE F. FIELD

Town Clerk

Report of the Planning Board

During the past year the Planning Board has been concerned chiefly with two projects — development of a sewer system for the central part of Northfield, and the formation of a Water District to acquire and operate the facilities of the Northfield Water Company. Both the Selectmen and the Planning Board have agreed with the opinion of engineering consultants that the water situation should be settled before the town takes further action on the sewer proposals. Although a bill has been filed in the state legislature to permit the establishment of a Water District in Northfield, no action has been taken on it up to the date of filing this report. The two serious matters of water supply and sewage disposal, therefore, still remain unsettled.

The Planning Board was represented at a hearing in Keene, N. H., to register Northfield's approval of a proposed bus line to operate between Keene and Springfield through Northfield, Northampton, Amherst and Holyoke. The Board was also represented at a hearing in Northfield concerning the closing of the East Northfield passenger station of the Boston and Maine Railroad. On Oct. 25 the Board went on record as unanimously favoring a proposed Regional Vocational School.

Following the resignation of Harvey H. Hatheway, Chairman of the Planning Board, on Sept. 15, the Selectmen and the Board, in joint session, elected Gerald R. Barnes, of West Northfield, to fill his unexpired term. The Board later elected Harold A. Newton as Chairman.

HAROLD A. NEWTON, Chairman

EDWARD M. POWELL, Secretary

GERALD R. BARNES

L. PERCY GOODSPEED

DR. RAYMOND A. KINMONTH

Board of Assessors' Report

For the Year Ending December 31, 1964

RECAPITULATION

TOWN APPROPRIATION

(a) To be raised by Taxation	\$420354	89	
(b) To be raised from available Funds			
in 1964	\$55586	04	
in 1963 after tax rate was fixed	1000	89	
	\$56586	93	
			\$476941 82
Veterans' Service District & Deficit			2114 30
State Assessments 1964 Estimated			
State Parks and Reservations	\$1621	23	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	1525	19	
State Assessment System		92 80	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills		232 50	
State Parks and Reservations underestimate	149	68	
			3621 40
County Assessments			
County Tax	\$17550	62	
County Retirement System	2244	00	
			19794 62
Overlay of current year			20913 24
			\$523385 38

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Income Tax	\$49663	46
Corporation Taxes	17658	74
Reimbursement on account of		
publicly owned Land	902	33
Old Age Tax (meals) Chap. 64B, S 10	1884	05
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	47000	00

Licenses	150 00	
Fines	100 00	
General Government	500 00	
Protection of Persons and Property	175 00	
Health and Sanitation	150 00	
Charities (other than federal grants)	1700 00	
Old Age Assistance (other than federal grants and M.A.A.)	20000 00	
Veterans' Services	950 00	
Schools	13000 00	
Interest on Taxes	2000 00	
Farm Animal Excise	750 00	
	\$156583 58	
Available Funds	\$56586 93	
Free Cash	30000 00	
Overestimates — County Tax	1264 20	
	87851 13	
		\$244434 71
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation		278950 67
Valuation of Personal Property		17594 68
\$ 331975 00		
Valuation of Real Estate		261355 72
\$4931240 00		
Total Valuation	5263215 00	
Gain		27
		278950 67

TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of Persons Assessed	798
On Personal Property Only	52
On Real Estate Only	491
On Both Personal and Real Estate	255
Value of Assessed Stock in Trade	\$218430 00
Machinery	86800 00
Live Stock	5795 00
All other Personal Property	20950 00
Total Value of Assessed Personal	\$331975 00
Value of Assessed Real Estate	
Land Exclusive of Buildings	1163965 00
Buildings Exclusive of Land	3767275 00

Total Value of Real Estate	4931240 00
Total Value of Assessed Estate	5263215 00
Tax Rate per \$100 00 — \$53 00	

ABATEMENTS DURING THE YEAR 1964

Levy of	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Polls		\$16 00	\$4 00		\$2 00
Personal	\$129 85	60 00	9 20		
Real Estate	1000 63	56 00	23 00		
Motor Vehicle	3100 37	2039 34	403 43	268 41	101 69
Levy of				1959	1958
Polls				2 00	
Personal					
Real Estate					
Motor Vehicle				194 94	\$335 90
Exemptions Chap. 59, Sec. 5, Cl. 22 & 41 — 1964				\$11509 22	

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE

Number of Motor Vehicles	1436
Total Excise on Motor Vehicles	\$52589 91
Total Assessed Valuation	856305 00
Motor Vehicle incomplete — Compiled to December 31, 1964	

We the Board of Assessors appreciated the cooperation and support of the People of Northfield and Town Officials.

Respectfully submitted,
 WINTHROP E SPENCER
 CLIFFORD A. FIELD
 LEE H. SHELDON

Board of Assessors

Tax Collector's Report

FOR THE YEAR 1964

TAXES FOR 1958

Outstanding 1-1-64		\$376 82
Abatements	\$335 90	
Paid to Treasurer	40 92	
	376 82	376 82

TAXES FOR 1959

Outstanding 1-1-64		\$286 28
Abatements	\$196 94	
Paid to Treasurer	89 34	
	286 28	286 28

TAXES FOR 1960

Outstanding 1-1-64		\$2159 82
Abatements	\$ 133 69	
Paid to Treasurer	809 10	
Outstanding 1-1-65	1217 03	
	2159 82	2159 82

TAXES FOR 1961

Outstanding 1-1-64		\$3051 31
Abatements	\$ 268 41	
Paid to Treasurer	1174 39	
Outstanding 1-1-65	1608 51	
	3051 31	3051 31

TAXES FOR 1962

Outstanding 1-1-64		
Polls	\$30 00	
Personal Property	301 76	
Real Estate	7220 72	
Motor Vehicle	1824 64	\$9377 12
Refunds		389 40
Abatements	\$439 63	
Paid to Treasurer	6034 78	
Tax Titles Taken	12 32	

Outstanding 1-1-65			
Polls	\$	6 00	
Personal Property		225 40	
Real Estate		1980 05	
Motor Vehicle		1068 34	3279 79
			\$9766 52 \$9766 52

TAXES FOR 1963

Outstanding 1-1-64			
Polls	\$	46 00	
Personal Property		1377 08	
Farm Animal		143 63	
Real Estate		31011 02	
Motor Vehicle		13941 08	\$46518 81
Committed After 1-1-64			1864 56
Refunds			1574 38
Collected After Abatement			18 50
Abatements	\$	2171 34	
Tax Titles Taken		33 50	
Paid to Treasurer		34849 06	
Outstanding 1-1-65			
Polls		8 00	
Real Estate		11892 95	
Motor Vehicle		1021 40	12922 35
		\$49976 25	\$49976 25

TAXES FOR 1964

Farm Animal Levy			\$981 88
Paid to Treasurer	\$	981 88	981 88
Personal Property Levy			\$17594 70
Abatements	\$	129 85	
Paid to Treasurer		17279 35	
Outstanding 1-1-65		185 50	
		17594 70	17594 70
Real Estate Levy			\$261355 97
Refunds			1701 56
Abatements		12615 85	
Tax Titles Added		712 32	
Paid to Treasurer		230702 37	

Outstanding 1-1-65

Motor Vehicle Levy

Refunds

Abatements

Paid to Treasurer

Outstanding 1-1-65

19026 99	
263057 53	263057 53
	52589 91
	1535 15
3015 42	
47205 41	
3904 23	
\$54125 06	\$54125 06

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON W. LEAVIS

Tax Collector

Town Treasurer's Report

January 1, 1964 to December 31, 1964

Balance January 1, 1964	\$157024 49
Receipts for year 1964	606775 80
	763800 29
Payments per Warrants	\$584169 93
Cash on hand December 31, 1964	3861 54
Franklin County Trust Company	174508 82
Crocker Institution for Savings	1260 00 763800 29

Franklin County Trust Company of Greenfield

Balance December 31, 1964 per statement	\$184596 36
Deposit December 31, 1964 in transit	12669 64
	\$197266 00
Outstanding Checks December 31, 1964	\$22757 18
Balance December 31, 1964 per Check Book	174508 82
	197266 00

Franklin County Retirement System

Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 215 67
Amount Collected from members in 1964	2221 98
	\$2437 65
Payment to Franklin County Retirement Board in 1964	2201 49
Balance December 31, 1964 in Treasury	236 16 2437 65

Federal Withholding Tax Statement

Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 1640 49
Withholding Tax deducted in 1964	16425 41
	\$18065 90
Paid to Collector of Internal Revenue in 1964	16624 81
Balance December 31, 1964 in Treasury	1441 09
	\$18065 90

Massachusetts Withholding Tax Statement

Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 552 99
Withholding Tax deducted in 1964	2255 80
	\$2808 79

Paid to Commonwealth in 1964	2560 25	
Employer's Compensation	37 22	
Balance December 31, 1964 in Treasury	211 32	\$2808 79

Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System

Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 0 00	
Amount collected from members in 1964	4691 00	
		\$4691 00
Paid to Teachers' Retirement Board in 1964	4691 96	
Balance December 31, 1964 in Treasury	0 00	
		\$4691 96

Highway Blue Cross & Blue Shield

Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 0 00	
Deducted from members in 1964	416 55	
		\$416 55
Paid to Massachusetts Hospital Service in 1964	416 55	
Balance December 31, 1964 in Treasury	0 00	
		\$416 55

School Blue Cross & Blue Shield

Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 0 00	
Deducted from members in 1964	2608 46	
		\$2608 46
Paid to Massachusetts Hospital Service in 1964	2608 46	
Balance December 31, 1964 in Treasury	0 00	
		\$2608 46

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN B. GORZOCOSKI

Treasurer

LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

South Mountain Cemetery			
Alice J. Bigelow	\$100 00	M. Maria Foss	200 00
		Ernest C. Field	100 00
		Elisa Graves	51 69
West Northfield Cemetery		Brigham Gage &	
Cecil Wilson	\$100 00	David Clowes	100 00
Caroline B. Lane	150 00	Charles L. Gilbert	200 00
George W. Snow	200 00	Nettie E. Gilbert	300 00
Henry M. Yerrington	100 00	George M. Chamberlain	75 00
Pennock Fund	100 00	Samuel A. Holton	200 00
Cora B. Preston &		Inez E. Holton	50 00
Pitts W. Preston	100 00	Elvira A. Morgan	50 00
S. E. K. Priest	200 00	James & William	
George F. Witt	100 00	Merriman	100 00
Jane E. Evans	50 00	Henry W. Montague	400 00
Warena P. Miller	200 00	Charles C. Morgan	100 00
Mary E. Bunker	200 00	Samuel Pratt	25 00
Enda M. Kelley	150 00	Larkin Fisher &	
	\$1650 00	Lucy Ross	50 00
		Fred W. Ruggles	100 00
Mount Hermon Cemetery		Ashael Sawyer &	
Henry F. Cutler	\$100 00	Alner Sawyer	100 00
Lorimer Drury	100 00	Marcellus D. Stratton	100 00
Horace F. Holton	100 00	Rufus Stratton &	
Alice V. Watson	150 00	Oren Darling	150 00
Anna Bell McMillan	100 00	Elisha & Elihu Stratton	200 00
Charles T. Sibley	200 00	William H. Stratton	100 00
Lewis Hodus	200 00	Mary A. Stratton	100 00
Roy R. Hatch	100 00	Samuel W. &	
Joseph S. Castogue	100 00	William G. Slate	100 00
Charles D. Streeter	200 00	Leroy Wetherhead	75 00
Mary J. &		Oscar & Frank V. Wook	50 00
Anna L. Miller	200 00	Jennie L. Bascomb	150 00
Marion Fish Giersbach	100 00	Herbert Dutton	100 00
	1650 00	Murray Hammond	100 00
			\$3901 69
Northfield Farms Cemetery			
James Browning &		Center Cemetery	
Robert Washer	\$100 00	Nelson & Nettie Spring	\$100 00
Retta R. Barrett	100 00	Emma Holtnorth	100 00
Ada Chamberlain &		John F. Rice	100 00
Sarah Morgan	75 00	Carpenter Winchester	100 00
Eva J. S. Clough	200 00		

Clinton A. Ware	150 00	Dr. Stratton White &	
George R. Stebbins	50 00	George & William	
Charles Stebbins	100 00	Hastings	300 00
Walter D. Crane	100 00	Jessamine W. Polhemus	100 00
John E. Nye	100 00	William R. Moody	100 00
Harvey J. Evans	50 00	Mrs. Norma MacGaffin	50 00
Augustus W. Holton	100 00	Clara B. Torrey	100 00
Thomas Callender	50 00	Herbert E. Robbins	200 00
Johnson Fund	123 06	S. E. Walker	200 00
Mary L. Wright	125 00	J. I. Greenleaf	300 00
M. Bemis & Otis Field	50 00	M. Margaret Laird	100 00
Charles Blackmer	50 00	Hezekiah & Elizabeth	
Alvin Long	50 00	Stratton	80 00
Isaac Cook &		Hezekiah & Molly	
Wright Stratton	100 00	Stratton	80 00
John L. Mattoon	100 00	Rufus & Asenath	
Levi Fay	150 00	Stratton	80 00
Sarah E. Minot	150 00	William H. Phelps	200 00
James Pickard	100 00	Elizabeth M. Purple	200 00
Augusta L. Day	100 00	Sarah J. Whithead	50 00
Elijah Belding	125 00	Bessie Severance	100 00
James White	100 00	Lewis Fowler	50 00
Arad Webster &		J. Wesley Mann	100 00
William Billings	500 00	Andrew E. & Arthur	
Katherine Gaeng	100 00	H. Lyman	400 00
Elijah E. Belding	100 00	Edward B. Stearns	50 00
A. M. D. Alexander	300 00	Benjamin Field &	
Charles Alexander &		Charles Pomeroy	100 00
Richard Colton	200 00	Charles Osgood	500 00
Adelaide W. Moody	100 00	Louis Frederick Bartlett	100 00
Louis M. Potts	200 00	Sherman Nye Bartlett	100 00
Roselle Evans	50 00	Rose A. Holton	100 00
Amos Shepardson &		C. D. Merriam &	
Anna S. Preston	150 00	Cornelius Hilliard	300 00
Bessie Moore	100 00	Cora B. Preston &	
Elizabeth P. Kraft	100 00	Asa Holton	100 00
Maximilla S. Hachita	100 00	Frank Piper &	
Albert S. Brigham	100 00	William Piper	100 00
George E. Nye	200 00	L. O. Clapp Lot	100 00
Dorothy P. Bruce	150 00	Hachita Lot	440 00
		Samuel & Elijah	
		Merriman	1760 00

Mary V. H. Slade	125 00	Daniel F. Sutherland	100 00
Mrs. George Spofford	200 00	George N. Kidder	500 00
Mary B. Rankin	100 00	Tie-Webster Lot	100 00
			\$12538 06

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund

On hand January 1, 1964	\$19739 75
On hand December 31, 1964	\$19839 75

Receipts of Interest

South Mountain Cemetery	\$ 4 04	
West Northfield Cemetery	66 75	
Mount Hermon Cemetery	62 95	
Northfield Farms Cemetery	143 76	
Center Cemetery	517 01	
Total Interest		\$794 51

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN B. GORZOCOSKI

Treasurer

Treasurer's Report of Trust Funds

Name	On hand Jan. 1, 1964	Savings Deposits	Securities	Interest Received	Interest Added	Total on hand 12-31-64
Edward D. Priest & Others, West Northfield Cemetery Fund	\$ 7292 49	\$4292 49	\$ 3000 00	\$173 38*		\$7292 49
James W. Cowles Center Cemetery Fund	2000 00	2000 00		146 28**		2000 00
Calvin Stearns Center Cemetery Fund	500 00	500 00		80 80		500 00
Belcher Center Cemetery Fund	2000 00	1000 00		20 20		2000 00
Belcher Center School Fund	1050 00	1050 00		25 00**		
Belcher Library Fund	9439 01	9439 01		40 40*		
Belcher Library & School Fund	500 00		500 00	25 00		1050 00
Lottie Evans Worthy Poor Fund	1163 54	1163 54		42 42		9439 01
George F. Morgan Charity Fund	3000 00	3000 00		381 26		500 00
Surplus Revenue School Fund	1600 00	1600 00		13 80**	\$46 98	1210 52
C. P. Dickinson Library Book Fund	3000 00	3000 00		121 20		3000 00
Mary Callender Mount Hermon Cemetery Fund	500 00	500 00		64 64		3000 00
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	16587 49	6587 49	10000 00	121 20		500 00
Roselle Evans Worthy Poor Fund	500 00	500 00		20 20		
					131 75*	
					250 00**	16969 24
						500 00

Maude Montague Library Fund	2009 60	9 60	2000 00	77 50**	2009 60
C. Ina Merriman Library Fund	3150 44	3150 44			3185 92
Town of Northfield					1260 00
Real Estate Fund	1260 00	1260 00		50 90	100 00
Northfield Chapter D.A.R.				4 04	500 00
Library Fund	100 00	100 00		3 05	
Marina Stanley Library Book Fund	305 00	305 00			(Includes \$195 00 added in 1964.)

Totals	\$55957 57	\$39457 57	\$16500 00	\$1144 06*	\$307 21*	\$56616 78
				262 58**	250 00**	
		Total		\$1406 64	\$557 21	

*Sav.; **Sec.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN B. GORZOCOSKI

Treasurer

Report of Plumbing Code Study

In December, 1963 the Selectmen of the Town of Northfield formed a committee to study and adopt a Plumbing Code. This resulted from a directive from the State of Massachusetts to the effect that all communities of 2000 population or over must adopt a Plumbing Code and set up the mechanics for enforcement of same.

It should be noted that the basis used for the Code study was the new National Code by Vincent Manus, a Code which comes highly recommended by Mr. Ricci himself.

The committee met regularly, and after a series of many well-attended meetings adopted a Code for the Town of Northfield.

A "Report of Plumbing Code Study" was included in the Town Report 1963 and reads as follows:

PLUMBING CODE STUDY

The Selectmen of the Town of Northfield were notified of the necessity to adopt a Sanitary Plumbing Code. The Law states that all towns with population over 2,000 must adopt a Plumbing Code.

This means that the following would be required:

1. A study to be made to select a proper Sanitary Plumbing Code for the Town of Northfield.
2. Plumbing contractors performing work in the Community would have to be licensed.
3. Permits would have to be obtained from the Inspector for all new work.
4. A Plumbing Inspector to be appointed to inspect and approve all new work and to enforce the new Code.

Committee is as follows:

Howard Williams
Harry Holloway
Frank Turner
Arthur Bolton, Jr.
Carl Pelzel, Chairman.

The Committee has met three times on the problem and Mr. Rici from the Sanitary Engineering Department in Boston was contacted by telephone.

It was felt that a Code for the Community should be adopted that has the following features:

1. It should be all inclusive but it should not be so strict as to impose costly penalties on townspeople seeking to improve plumbing in their homes.

2. In some heavily industrialized areas or urban areas with high rise buildings, it may be necessary to have strict codes but this would not be applicable to farming communities like Northfield.

3. It behooves local plumbing contractors to acquire licenses for future conduct of their business.

Mr. Rici suggested that considerable care be taken to select the proper Code for our Community. He also said that licenses would be granted on a fair basis without necessity of having political connections or affiliations.

At the second meeting the Committee studied the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Code and made selections from this Code which would then constitute an alternative for adoption.

It was felt that the National Plumbing Code would be worthy of consideration and that we should also study **this** Code. (State of Vermont uses the National Code.)

Mr. Rici was contacted and asked what he thought of the National Code. He highly recommended a **new** draft of the National Code written by Vincent Manus. He also said that the new draft was so well thought of that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts authorities are thinking of adopting it as their new code!

As a result of Mr. Rici's recommendations, a copy of the new draft by Vincent Manus was obtained for study. The Selectmen have written for four additional copies of the New Code, so that the Committee may study it as a group and take from it those sections which would be appropriate for our Code.

Upon receipt of these copies, a new meeting of the Committee will be called and the process of selecting a Code will continue."

On August 6th, 1964 a letter was sent to Mr. Rici (State Plumbing Board, State House, Boston, Mass.) outlining the Code as selected by the Committee with certain recommended changes which were thought necessary by the Committee.

Mr. Rici replied with his acceptance of the Committee's choice with only one exception. This acceptance is particularly encouraging since the Committee had recommended quite a few changes in the Code so as to "tailor" it to Northfield's needs.

In December 1964 the Selectmen received a letter from Mr. Rici expressing concern that the Code had not as yet been adopted, published and activated. Mr. Rici felt that adequate time had been allowed the Town and results should be forthcoming soon.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL A. PELZEL

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee organized for the year with Corys Heselton as chairman and Vernal G. Hurlbut as secretary.

The transfers from the Reserve Fund were authorized as follows:

November 20, 1964	
Elections and Registration Account	\$71 53
Nurses Car Expense Account	75 00
Members Expense at Association Meeting	7 50
Firemen's Expense Account	1200 00
December 18, 1964	
Tree Warden's Account	200 00
December 30, 1964	
Constables Fund	42 12
Legal Expense Fund	114 75
Public Health Fund	280 00
January 7, 1965	
Fire Department Account	596 99
Census Fund	300 00
Total	2887 49
Balance	2112 51
Finance Committee Expense Account	32 50
Total expenses for the year	32 50
Balance	00

Respectfully submitted,

CORYS HESELTON, Chairman

VERNAL G. HURLBUT, Secretary

ALBERT N. STOMPE

AARON W. NEWTON

DONALD T. SNOW

FRANK BORDNER

Town Accountant's Report

RECEIPTS

TAXES

1959 Polls	\$	4 00		
Real Estate		13 32	17 32	
1960 Polls		14 00		
Real Estate		634 49	648 49	
1961 Polls		14 00		
Personal Property		10 81		
Real Estate		658 41	683 22	
1962 Polls		20 00		
Personal Property		67 16		
Real Estate		5205 35	5292 51	
1963 Polls		26 00		
Personal Property		1317 08		
Real Estate		19028 57	20371 65	
1964 Personal Property		17279 35		
Real Estate		230702 37	247981 72	274994 91
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise				
Levy of 1958			\$40 92	
Levy of 1959			72 02	
Levy of 1960			160 61	
Levy of 1961			491 17	
Levy of 1962			742 27	
Levy of 1963			14333 78	
Levy of 1964			47205 41	63046 18
Farm Animal Excise				
Levy of 1963			\$143 63	
Levy of 1964			981 88	11125 51
Accounts Receivable				
General Relief			\$473 39	
OAA Adm.		\$45 46		
OAA		12791 70	12837 16	
MAA Adm.		15 37		
MAA		4549 76	4565 13	

ADC Adm.	3 99		
ADC	1219 47	1223 46	
DA Adm	1 54		
DA	1 72	3 26	
Veterans' Benefits		1006 43	
Schools		600 40	20709 23
Aid to Highways			
State		\$45868 39	
County		9000 00	54868 39
Federal Grants			
OAA Adm.	50 48		
OAA	17474 69	17525 17	
MAA Adm.	23 78		
MAA	6114 55	6138 33	
ADC		1515 50	
DA Adm.	3 80		
DA	558 00	561 80	25740 80
Payroll Deductions			
Federal Withholding Taxes		16425 41	
State Withholding Taxes		2255 80	
County Retirement		2221 98	
Teachers Retirement		4691 96	
Mass. Hospital Service-Hwy.		416 55	
Mass. Hospital Service - School		2608 46	28620 16
Trust Funds Interest			
Elisha Alexander Charity		83 33	
George F. Morgan Charity		121 20	
Roselle Evans Worthy Poor		20 20	
Starkweather Fund		170 00	
Belcher Center School		47 94	
Belcher Library		389 54	
Montague Library		77 50	
Dickinson Book		121 20	
DAR Book		4 04	
Marina P. Stanley Library		3 05	
PC Center, South Mt., (Mt. H. Cemeteries		738 28	
PC Northfield Farms Cemetery		143 76	
PC West Northfield Cemetery		390 58	
PC Mary Callender lot, Mt. H.		20 20	
PC Calvin Stearns lot, Center		20 20	
Surplus Revenue School Fund		64 64	2415 66

State

Loss of Taxes	902 33	
Meals Tax	2514 68	
Income Tax	9327 81	
Business Corp. Tax	17161 19	
School Aid	41173 41	
Transportation	14923 19	
Vocational Tuition & Transp.	581 10	
Library Aid	580 00	
Tuition	530 50	
CD Equipment Communication	479 50	88173 71
Tax Collector's Costs		1225 00
Poll Collection Costs		33 15
Interest on deferred Taxes		1584 18
Tax Titles Redeemed		473 78
Employer's Fee, State Taxes		37 22
Rent - Town Hall		712 00
Rent - Alexander Hall		5 00
Licenses Granted		169 00
Sealer's Fee		71 90
Nurse's Fees		371 80
Library Fines		218 50
Dog Licenses		543 75
County Dog Refund		436 04
County Dog Officer		221 00
Wild Cat Bounty		70 00
Road Machinery Fund		8435 39
OAA Recovery		4138 45
School Lunch		13739 52
Trust Funds		8295 00
US Bond Interest		250 00
Sale of Real Estate Fund Interest		50 90
Court Fines		10 00
Gift - Village Improvement Society		135 00
Gift - Squakeag Squares		100 00
Sale Cemetery Lots		135 00
National Defense Education, Title III		458 35
Tailings		361 23
Ina Merriman Library Fund		90 00
Town Hall - Broken Dish		30
Sale - Chair		2 00
Tuning Piano		6 00

Tree Removal	11 50
Collision Insurance	101 44
Police Dept. Receipts	6 00
Fire Dept. Receipts	903 91
Refunds	178 94
Total Receipts	606775 80
Cash on hand Jan 1, 1964	157024 49
	763800 29

RECAPITULATION

	App.	Pyt.	Balance
Moderator	\$25 00	\$25 00	
Moderator's Expense	15 00	5 00	10 00
Selectmen & Welfare Board	1300 00	1300 00	
Selectmen's Expenses	600 00	572 02	27 98
Accountant	1050 00	1050 00	
Accountant's Expense	85 00	85 00	
Legal Expense	364 75	364 75	
Treasurer	1000 00	1000 00	
Treasurer's Expense	450 00	450 00	
Tax Collector	1000 00	1000 00	
Tax Collector's Expense	900 00	891 49	8 51
Treasurer's Typewriter	200 00	198 45	1 55
Assessors	1200 00	1200 00	
Assessor's Clerk	900 00	900 00	
Assessor's Expense	375 00	375 00	
Town Clerk	550 00	550 00	
Town Clerk's Expense	100 00	100 00	
Election & Registration	2071 53	2071 53	
Planning Board Expense	200 00		200 00
Finance Board Expense	32 50	32 50	
Maintenance of Town Hall	5000 00	4903 89	96 11
Fire Dept. Salaries	600 00	600 00	
Fire Dept. Operating	6296 99	6296 99	
Fire Truck Tires	600 00	600 00	
Fire Dept. Hose & Equipment	1700 00	1493 87	206 13
Hydrant Service	400 00	400 00	
Water Holes Maintenance	400 00	316 00	34 00
Maintenance Fire Station & Garage	1900 00	1501 24	398 76
Public Safety	50 00	50 00	
Wire Inspector	50 00		50 00
Sealer Wgts. & Measures & Expense	200 00	200 00	
Tree Warden - Trimming & Planting	1200 00	1103 27	96 73

Dog Officer	100 00		100 00
Nurse & Substitute	3200 00	3148 32	51 68
Nurse's Expense	75 00	14 80	60 20
Inspection of Animals	200 00	151 84	48 16
Inspection of Meat & Slaughter	50 00	25 00	25 00
Highway Superintendent Expense	200 00	199 40	60
Tools for Hwy Work	100 00	80 35	19 65
New Hwy Equipment	8800 00	7361 71	1438 29
Hwy Sick Leave, Vacation & Holidays	1382 00	1032 89	349 11
Highways, Bridges, Railings	3000 00	1633 97	1366 03
Hwy Chapter 81	23100 00	23099 98	02
Hwy Chapter 90 Maintenance	6000 00	5999 73	27
Hwy Chapter 90 Construction 1963	780 15	780 15	
Sidewalk Repair	500 00	227 04	272 96
Snow Removal	9000 00	7997 93	1002 07
Street Lights	6600 00	6406 23	193 77
Hwy Bounds, Surveys, Plans, & St. Listings	100 00		100 00
Highland Circuit	275 00		275 00
Welfare Adm.	400 00	400 00	
General Relief	4000 00	2392 56	1607 44
OAA	17039 70	17039 70	
MAA	13000 00	10391 81	2608 19
ADC	3000 00	3000 00	
DA	1000 00	707 40	292 60
Soldiers' Relief	2750 00	702 93	2047 07
School Committee Salaries	600 00	600 00	
Schools	133898 24	132518 18	1380 06
PVRS Capital Budget	22398 68	22398 68	
PVRS Operating Budget	114819 69	114619 69	
Dickinson Library	7516 04	7516 04	
Northfield Farms Library	150 00	150 00	
Town Reports	1014 52	1014 52	
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	150 00	33 87	116 13
Protection of Tax Title Property	25 00		25 00
Interest	300 00		300 00
Insurance	7375 00	6539 34	835 66
Alexander Hall	250 00	250 00	
Nfld Museum & #4 Schoolhouse	100 00	34 47	65 53
Town Clock	100 00	96 00	4 00
Land Damage	650 00	550 00	100 00
Maintenance Playground & Athletic Field	606 16	523 35	82 81

Summer Playground 1963	14 23	14 23	
Fish for Stocking Streams	200 00	200 00	
Memorial & Veterans Day			
Observance	350 00	248 06	101 94
Fence Viewers, Field Drivers &			
Pound Keeper	50 00		50 00
Sewer Survey Loan	3500 00	3500 00	
Cemeteries	2600 00	2600 00	
Veterans' Grave Markers	175 00	153 30	21 70
Fire Station Bonds & Interest	3756 00	3756 00	
Unexpended balances to Revenue			1616636
Machinery Maintenance	8500 00	8384 11	115 89
Unexpended balance to Road Machinery Fund			115 89
Constables pay & Expense	1642 12	1641 94	18
Dutch Elm Control	3200 00	3144 03	55 97
Nurse's Car Expense	275 00	267 97	7 03
Unexpended balance to Reserve Fund			63 18
Plotting Map for Assessors	819 39		819 39
Equalization of Valuation Program	526 93	100 00	426 93
Civil Defense	532 27	43 50	488 77
Health	1780 00	1415 66	364 34
Hwy Chapter 90 Construction	37014 80	35749 73	1265 07
Census Taking	300 00		300 00
Water District Legal Expense	500 00	260 00	240 00
Unexpended balances to 1965			3904 50
Refunds on Taxes		1703 56	
Refunds on M.V. Excise		3498 93	
Tax Collector's Costs		1225 00	
U.S.G. Adm.		490 00	
U.S.G. OAA		21891 10	
U.S.G. MAA		2925 55	
U.S.G. ADC		1373 55	
U.S.G. DA		73 65	
State Parks & Reservations		1487 73	
State Audit 1963		1525 19	
State Assessment		92 80	
State MV Tax Bills		232 50	
County Tax		16949 28	
County Retirement System		2244 00	
Veterans Service Center		1115 19	
Dog Licenses to County		543 75	
County Dog Officer		187 00	
Wild Cat Bounty		50 00	

School Lunch	13985 56	
National Defense Education	449 78	
Federal Withholding Taxes	16624 81	
State Withholding Taxes	2597 47	
County Retirement	2201 49	
Teachers' Retirement	4691 96	
Mass. Hospital Service	3025 01	
Gift - Squakeag Squares	100 00	
Gift - Village Improvement Society	84 71	
Trust Funds to Savings Accounts	8600 00	
US Bond Interest to Savings Accounts	250 00	
George F Morgan Charity Fund Int.	67 92	
Belcher - Library	845 67	
Montague - Library	400 43	
Dickinson - Book	76 56	
PC Cemeteries - Center, So. Mt., Mt. H.	746 08	
PC Cemetery - Nfld Farms	82 01	
PC Cemetery - West Nfld.	297 93	
PC Cemetery Lot - Mary Callender	27 00	
Total Payments	584169 93	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1964	179630 36	
		763800 29

Selectmen's Expense

Appropriation		600 00
Association Dues	41 00	
Lawyers Co-op Publishing Co.	108 00	
Telephone	106 42	
Supplies	188 30	
Clerical	77 68	
Advertising	50 62	
		572 02
Balance to Revenue	27 98	600 00

Accountant's Expense

Appropriations		85 00
Supplies and Postage	85 00	

Treasurer's Expense

Appropriation		450 00
Treasurer's Bond	98 20	
Supplies and Postage	347 80	
Association Dues	4 00	450 00

Treasurer's Typewriter

		200 00
Typewriter	198 45	
Balance to Revenue	1 55	200 00

Tax Collector's Expense

Appropriation		900 00
Collector's Bond	184 65	
Typewriter	198 45	
Supplies and Postage	495 59	
Telephone	8 80	
Association Dues	4 00	
		891 49
Balance to Revenue	8 51	900 00

Assessors' Expense

Appropriation		375 00
Registry of Deeds	66 15	
Supplies	270 85	
Binding	26 00	
Association Dues	12 00	375 00

Equalization of Valuation

Balance from 1963		526 93
Clerical	100 00	
Balance to 1965	426 93	526 93

Town Clerk's Expense

Appropriation		100 00
Town Clerk's Bond	10 00	
Supplies	25 09	
Telephone	11 02	
Clerical	46 39	
Association Dues	7 50	100 00

Election and Registration

Appropriation	2000 00	
Reserve	71 53	2071 53
Elections	1056 40	
Registrations	380 00	
Printing and Supplies	410 20	
Street Lists	224 93	2071 53

Finance Board Expense

Appropriation	25 00	
Reserve	7 50	32 50
Supplies	17 50	
Association Dues	15 00	32 50

Maintenance of Town Hall

Appropriation		5000 00
Fuel	1775 91	
Electricity	377 86	
Public Safety	35 00	
Supplies	220 05	
Repairs	690 07	
Custodian	1800 00	
Payroll	5 00	
	4903 89	
Balance to Revenue	96 11	5000 00

Constables Pay & Expense

Appropriation	1600 00	
Reserve	42 12	1642 12
Payroll	1388 50	
Mileage	209 86	
Supplies and Equipment	39 08	
Telephone	4 50	
	1641 94	
Balance to Reserve	18	1642 12

Fire Department Salaries

Appropriation		500 00
Fire Chief	250 00	
Fire Warden	150 00	
Secretary	100 00	500 00

Fire Department Operating Costs

Appropriation	4500 00	
Reserve	1796 99	6296 99
Tri State Mutual Aid	10 00	
Payroll	3776 00	
Telephone Service	389 98	
Repairs and Supplies	1193 77	
Food	110 51	

Equipment	801 73	
Labor - Hydrant Snow Removal	15 00	6296 99

Fire Department Hose & Miscellaneous Equipment

Appropriation		1700 00
Hose	1213 44	
2 Indian Pumps	25 74	
6 Helmets	77 22	
12 Pair Insulated Gloves	26 00	
6 pair Boots	62 37	
6 Fleece lined Coats	89 10	
	1493 87	
Balance to Revenue	206 13	1700 00

Water Holes

Appropriation		400 00
Hired Machinery	316 00	
Balance to Revenue	84 00	400 00

Maintenance of Fire Station & Garage

Appropriation		1900 00
Fuel	732 51	
Electricity	421 22	
Water	36 74	
Repairs and Supplies	231 24	
Payroll	79 53	
	1501 24	
Balance to Revenue	398 76	1900 00

Sealer Weights and Measures

Appropriation		200 00
Salary	180 51	
Supplies	19 49	200 00

Tree Warden

Appropriation		1200 00
Material and Supplies	83 45	
Conference and Association Dues	8 00	
Hired Machinery	116 00	
Payroll	895 82	
	1103 27	
Balance to Revenue	96 73	1200 00

Dutch Elm Control

Appropriation	3000 00	
Reserve	200 00	3200 00
Material and Supplies	107 09	
Hired Machinery	368 50	
Payroll	1965 52	
Climber	355 92	
Power Saw	347 00	
	3144 03	
Balance to Reserve	55 97	3200 00

Insect and Pest Control

Appropriation		500 00
Material and Supplies	231 25	
Hired Machinery	16 00	
Payroll	207 10	
	454 35	
Balance to Revenue	45 65	500 00

Civil Defense

Balance from 1963	432 27	
Appropriation	100 00	532 27
Fairbrother Radio Service	43 50	
Balance to 1965	488 77	532 27

Health

Appropriation	1500 00	
Reserve	280 00	1780 00
Association Dues	6 00	
Dr. Giguere - Clinic	100 00	
Telephone	5 25	
Vital Statistics	89 00	
Material and Supplies	57 26	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	368 25	
Dumps:		
Abalene Pest Control	132 00	
Hired Machinery	632 00	
Payroll	25 90	
	1415 66	
Balance to 1965	364 34	1780 00

Nurse Car Expense

Appropriation	200 00	
Reserve	75 00	275 00

Registration	3 00	
Supplies	139 18	
Repair job	125 79	
	267 97	
Balance to Reserve	7 03	275 00

Highway Superintendent's Expense

Appropriation		200 00
Association Dues	5 00	
Telephone	122 35	
Postage	9 05	
Filing Cabinet	63 00	
	199 40	
Balance to Revenue	60	200 00

Machinery Maintenance

Road Machinery Fund		8500 00
Registrations	15 00	
Rentals	37 00	
Repairs and Supplies	6550 74	
Payroll	1781 37	
	8384 11	
Balance to Road Machinery Fund	115 89	8500 00

New Highway Equipment

Appropriation		8800 00
Truck, Sander, Frame, Snow Plow	7361 71	
Balance to Revenue	1438 29	8800 00

Highways, Bridges, Railings

Appropriation		3000 00
Supplies	233 18	
Payroll	1400 79	
	1633 97	
Balance to Revenue	1366 03	3000 00

Highways, Chapter 81

Appropriation	4950 00	
Surplus Revenue	18150 00	23100 00
Payroll	7797 00	
Town Machinery	4775 63	
Hired Machinery	2902 00	
Material	7625 35	

	23099 98	
Balance to Revenue	02	23100 00

Highways, Chapter 90 Maintenance

Appropriation	2000 00	
Surplus Revenue	4000 00	6000 00
Payroll	2098 21	
Town Machinery	954 26	
Hired Machinery	550 00	
Material	2397 26	
	5999 73	
Balance to Revenue	27	6000 00

Highways, Chapter 90 Construction 1963

Balance from 1963		780 15
Payroll	451 41	
Town Machinery	181 50	
Material	147 24	780 15

Highways, Chapter 90 Construction 1964

Appropriation	7000 00	
Surplus Revenue	21000 00	
Chapter 822	9014 80	37014 80
Payroll	4532 25	
Town Machinery	2524 00	
Hired Machinery	22699 85	
Material	5993 63	
	35749 73	
Balance to 1965	1265 07	37014 80

Sidewalk Repair

Appropriation		500 00
Payroll	141 72	
Material	85 32	
	227 04	
Balance to Revenue	272 96	500 00

Snow Removal

Appropriation		9000 00
Payroll	3968 89	
Hired Machinery	210 00	
Hired Machinery	127 50	

Salt	2171 05	
Sand	1520 49	
	7997 93	
Balance to Revenue	1002 07	9000 00

Schools

Appropriation	133859 00	
Refunds	39 24	133898 24
Teachers' Salaries	87504 38	
Superintendent's Salary	2310 00	
Clerks	949 80	
Custodians	6824 85	
Travel	183 69	
Physician	350 00	
Nurse	820 00	
Transportation	17927 86	
Text Books	1258 70	
Student Supplies	1336 27	
Janitor Supplies	1099 44	
Fuel	3008 25	
Water	206 87	
Electricity	2501 81	
Repairs and Maintenance	2244 74	
New Equipment	970 74	
Vocational Tuition	1510 25	
Special project - Painting	813 75	
Sundry	341 38	
Telephone	295 78	
Office Supplies	59 62	
	132518 18	
Balance to Revenue	1380 06	133898 24

Dickinson Library

Appropriation	6500 00	
Dog Refund	436 04	
State Library Aid	580 00	7516 04
Payroll	4710 94	
Electricity	210 45	
Telephone	76 30	
Fuel	386 02	
Repairs	168 81	
Janitor Supplies	16 35	

Books and Magazines	1746 03	
Association Dues	9 00	
Field Library	25 00	
Supplies	128 89	
Transportation - Sitterly	38 25	7516 04

Insurance

Appropriation		7375 00
Buildings	2287 09	
Workmen's Compensation	1749 62	
Collector and Treasurer	18 75	
Fire Department	1502 86	
Health Department	173 68	
Highway Department	808 34	
	6539 34	
Balance to Revenue	835 66	7375 00

Alexander Hall

Appropriation		250 00
Janitor	120 00	
Supplies and Repairs	37 00	
Projector Screen	93 00	250 00

Town Clock

Appropriation		100 00
Caretaker	75 00	
Electricity	21 00	
	96 00	
Balance to Revenue	4 00	100 00

Playground and Athletic Field

Balance from 1963	206 16	
Appropriation	400 00	606 16
Payroll	90 01	
Supplies and Equipment	9 92	
Surface Badminton Court	375 00	
Asphalt Seal	48 42	
	523 35	
Balance to Revenue	82 81	606 16

Memorial and Veterans Days

Appropriation		350 00
PVRS Band	50 00	

Averys - Flags	70 90	
Fairview Gardens - Plants	110 05	
Sundry	17 11	
	248 06	
Balance to Revenue	101 94	350 00

Cemeteries

Appropriation 2600 00

Center Cemetery		
Payroll	2142 63	
Fertilizer and Seed	9 40	
Equipment	13 84	
Gas and Oil	9 32	
Nfld Farms Cemetery		
Payroll	310 50	
Seed	80	
Equipment	3 99	
Gas and Oil	4 19	
South Mt. Cemetery		
Payroll	24 00	
Lumber	6 33	
Commissioners Salary	75 00	2600 00

Perpetual Care

Center, South Mountain and Mount Hermon Cemeteries

Balance from 1963	98 52	
Receipts	738 28	836 80
CV Railway	10 00	
Water	12 00	
Mower Repairs	47 46	
Mower	61 64	
Gas, Oil and Delivery	21 36	
Payroll	593 62	
	746 08	
Balance to 1965	90 72	836 80

Perpetual Care Northfield Farms Cemetery

Balance from 1963	116 62	
Receipts	143 76	260 38
Gas and Oil	1 26	
Mower	59 75	
Payroll	21 00	
	82 01	
Balance to 1965	178 37	260 38

Perpetual Care West Northfield Cemetery

Balance from 1963	205 19	
Receipts	390 58	595 77
Seed	5 30	
Paint	2 07	
Repairs	15 93	
Payroll	274 63	
	297 93	
Balance to 1965	297 84	595 77

Perpetual Care Mary Callender Lot, Mount Hermon Cemetery

Balance from 1963	37 84	
Receipts	20 20	58 04
Payroll	27 00	
Balance to 1965	31 04	58 04

George F. Morgan Charity Fund

Balance from 1963	166 10	
Receipts	121 20	287 30
Charities	67 92	
Balance to 1965	219 38	287 30

Belcher Library Fund

Balance from 1963	468 81	
Receipts	389 54	858 35
Payroll	589 73	
Electricity	21 03	
Telephone	7 15	
Repairs and Supplies	25 29	
Books and Magazines	202 47	
	845 67	
Balance to 1965	12 68	858 35

Montague Library Fund

Balance from 1963	526 24	
Receipts	77 50	603 74
Payroll	210 46	
Electricity	24 78	
Telephone	7 30	
Supplies	14 55	
Fuel	131 09	
Books and Magazines	12 25	
	400 43	
Balance to 1965	203 31	603 74

Dickinson Book Fund

Balance from 1963	310 65	
Receipts	121 20	431 85
Books	76 56	
Balance to 1965	355 29	431 85

Balance Sheet, Town of Northfield

For The Year Ending December 31, 1964

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash		Pay roll Deductions	1441 09
Accounts Receivable	179630 36	Federal Withholding	211 32
Taxes		State Withholding	236 16
Levy of 1960		County Retirement	
Poll Taxes	6 00	Trust Funds Income	
Levy of 1961		Elisha Alexander Charity	991 39
Poll Taxes	8 00	George F. Morgan Charity	219 38
Real Estate	603 84	Roselle Evens, Worthy	
Levy of 1962		Poor	85 10
Poll	6 00	Starkweather Charity	170 00
Personal Property	225 40	Belcher Center School	251 48
Real Estate	1980 05	Belcher Library	12 68
		Montague Library	203 31
		C. P. Dickinson Book	355 29
		DAR Book	5 29
		Marina P. Stanley Library	3 05
		Perpetual Care Cemeteries:	
	2211 45		

Levy of 1963			Center, South Mountain and	
Poll	8 00		Mount Hermon	90 72
Real Estate	11892 95	11900 95	Northfield Farms	178 37
Levy of 1964			West Northfield	297 84
Personal Property	185 50		Mary Callender Lot	
Real Estate	19026 99	19212 49	Mt. Hermon	31 04
		33938 73	Calvin Stearns Lot Center	58 04
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise			Federal Grants	2952 98
Levy of 1960	1211 03		OAA Adm.	593 45
Levy of 1961	996 67		OAA	10992 33
Levy of 1962	1068 34		MAA Adm	68 78
Levy of 1963	1021 40		MAA	12951 35
Levy of 1964	3904 23		ADC Adm.	11 81
			ADC	6429 24
			DA Adm.	3 80
			DA	1317 26
			Over Estimates	32368 02
			State Parks	
		8201 67	and Reservations	133 50
Tax Title and Possessions			County Tax	601 34
Title	8338 51		Sale of Real Estate	734 84
Possessions	722 88		Sale of Cemetery Lots	1260 00
			Village Improvement Society Gift	2510 12
		9061 39	Road Machinery Fund	64 67
			Tailings	7744 27
				361 23

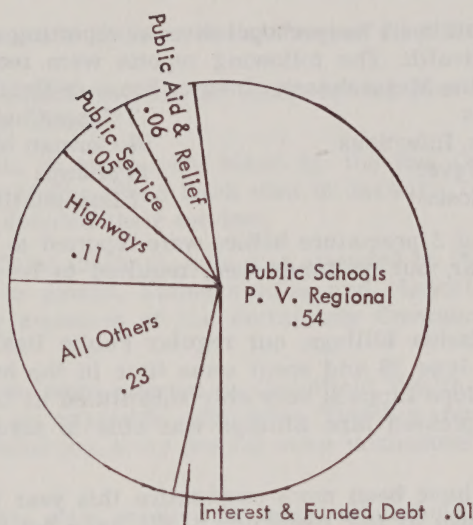
Debt Account

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	30000 00	Fire Station and Garage Loan	30000 00
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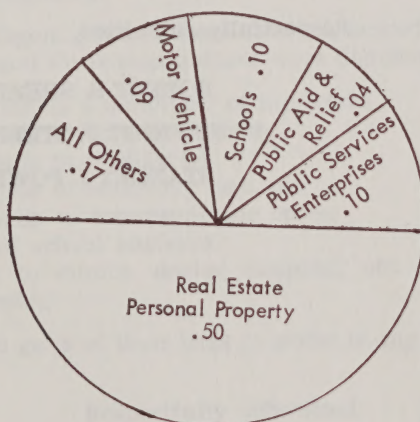
Trust and Investment Account

Trust and Investment Funds	In Custody of Treasurer	
Cash and Securities		
In Custody of Treasurer	81099 32	Lottie Evans Charity 1210 52
In Custody of Selectmen	2323 00	Roselle Evans Charity 500 00
In Custody of Trustees	11050 58	George F. Morgan Charity 3000 00
		Surplus Revenue School Fund 1600 00
		Belcher Center School 1250 00
		Belcher Library 9739 01
		Dickinson Book Fund 3000 00
		DAR Book Fund 100 00
		Marina P. Stanley Library 500 00
		Montague Library 2009 60
		Cowles Cemetery 2000 00
		Belcher Center Cemetery 2000 00
		Calvin Stearns Cemetery 500 00
		Mary Callender Cemetery 500 00
		West Nfld Cemetery 7292 49
		Perpetual Care Cemeteries 17992 54
		Post War Rehabilitation 16719 24

1964 Tax Dollar



1964 Reimbursement Dollar



ALL FIGURES ARE APPROXIMATE

Prepared by Winthrop Spencer

Board of Health Report

Residents were very cooperative in reporting diseases to the Board of Health. The following reports were received and forwarded to the Massachusetts District Board of Health office by us:

13 Dog Bites	7 Cases Chicken Pox
1 Hepatitis, Infectious	97 German Measles
8 Scarlet Fever	43 Mumps
1 Tuberculosis	1 Encephallitis

Births of 3 premature babies were reported to the Board during the year, but no funds were required to be spent for their care.

Mrs. Marion Billings, our regular Public Health nurse, was taken sick June 28 and spent some time in the hospital. At this time Mrs. Hope Lippack very ably substituted in her absence. We were very pleased Mrs. Billings was able to assume her duties October 1.

People have been more cooperative this year in their dumping of rubbish at the Town dump. We have not had to mail as many letters to violators who do not dump their rubbish over the face of the dump. We hope this good trend continues.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. SHEARER

DWIGHT P. STERNS

STANLEY J. POWERS

Report of Public Health Nurse

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

I herewith submit my annual report for the year which ends on December 31, 1964.

Eighty pints of blood were taken by the Red Cross on the occasion of the Mobile Blood Bank visit in January. Local nurses and personnel donated their services.

The Well Child Clinic in June was attended by 29 babies accompanied by a parent. Transportation and clerical work was volunteered by members of the Fortnightly Community Service Committee.

Two children were referred to Greenfield Health Camp with both reporting an enjoyable experience. Through courtesy of the Kiwanis and Salvation Army several other youngsters were given camperships.

Five families were enrolled at dental clinic held at Franklin County Hospital. Even with this resource dental care poses one of our greatest problems as large families can not afford to consult a dentist regularly.

Several indigent parsons were assisted, according to the need. Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets were distributed as usual.

The following is a summary of my work:

Home visits made to chronic patients	604
Home visits made to acutely ill	236
Home visits made to maternity patients	10
Home visits made to communicable cases	88
Visits on behalf school students	77
Transportation to clinics, doctor, hospital, etc.	17
Meetings attended	15

To all who gave of their time to assist in my work I am most appreciative.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIAN C. BILLINGS

Public Health Nurse

Police Report

To the Selectmen of Northfield:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1964.

This was the first year the Police Department operated under the recently accepted "Traffic Rules and Orders of the Town of Northfield." These rules have enabled the department to solve many traffic problems.

In a continuing effort to improve the effectiveness of the department, some of the members, under the instruction of the Framingham State Police Academy, completed a 30 hour police training course.

A six week gun handling course was held at the Mount Herman School firing range, under the instruction of Lt. Richard Sherburne. The department wishes to express their gratitude to Lt. Sherburne for donating his services.

Activities for 1964 are as follows:

Auto accidents.....	45	Missing perons	6
Traffic duty.....	80	Breaking and Entering	10
Vandalism	11	Number of Arrests	10
Thefts	7	Court Appearance	11
Summons Delivered	12	Pistol permits	19
Prowlers	8	Miscellaneous	56

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY WICKEY

Chief of Police

Report of Fire Chief

The Fire Department's services this past year have been quite varied and numerous. Last winter was very cold and the summer and fall very dry. I think this was a major factor contributing to the fire danger that existed.

Our calls for 1964 were as follows: House 8, School 1, Car 7, Chimney 6, Brush 8, Grass 20, Misc. 15, Resuscitator 1, Mutual Aid 13, making a total of 78.

At this time I would like to thank the townspeople for their many courteous acts and considerations to the Fire Department and to thank all the men on the Department for their full support in seeing to the safety of our town.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD WILLIAMS

Fire Chief

Report of Forest Warden

As we look back over the year, we all realize very well just how much we depend on rain to take care of our water supply and our land. With very little rain, a really serious situation soon arises - usually an expensive one. However, had it not been for the cooperation of everybody, things could have been much worse.

The outside fires were as follows:

Grass fires	20
Brush fires	8

The brush fire on Old Quarry road consumed approximately 23 acres. It took several days to completely extinguish this fire because of deep burning due to the dry conditions.

Many thanks go to the men from the State Prison camp for their assistance and to the Salvation Army Canteen for their refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD WILLIAMS

Forest Warden

Civil Defense Director's Report

During the year 1964, Civil Defense in this Community moved ahead with great strides. All Federal and State Civil Defense priorities have been met, or are progressing satisfactorily. Number one priority has been, and still is, the National Shelter Program; other priorities are Fixed Radiological Monitoring Stations, Hard Cover for Local Control Center, along with strengthening organizational structure and training.

A Summary of Action Follows:

Stocking of three (3) Shelter Areas located during initial survey with food, medical supplies, sanitation equipment, water containers, and radiological monitoring equipment has been accomplished. Capacity - 237 persons. Consistant with policy, the Army Corps of Engineers conducted an Up-dating Survey Program here. This survey uncovered two (2) additional Shelter Areas with a total of 232 spaces; and in addition, was able to expand the three initial Areas by 749 spaces. The total spaces available now has reached 1218 of which 237 are stocked, and requisitions have been forwarded for the remaining 981 spaces. Much of the co-ordination involved in these actions were carried out by our Staff Shelter Officer, Mr. Edward M. Powell.

Action in the field of Radiological preparedness has kept pace. In addition to the equipment located in shelter areas, we have established three (3) of four (4) Authorized Fixed Monitoring Stations. The Town has also received a Dosimeter Charger and 50 Radiological Dosimeters for use by our protective forces; such as, Fire, Police, or others who may be required to work out during periods of fallout.

Training of our Civil Defense forces is a continuing program. We have trained during this calendar year 36 Shelter Managers and other shelter control personnel. A total of 16 Radiological Monitors were trained and assigned to specific duties or stations. Our Selectmen and other town officials received a total Civil Defense briefing from Lt. Col. Arthur R. Shupe, Director, Sector 4D, Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency. He praised the cooperation and interest our officials are rendering to this very vital part of Local Government action.

All Federally sponsored Shelter Areas within this community

are located in the Northfield School for Girls Building complex. For this reason, we wish to pay tribute to Dr. Howard L. Jones, President of the School System, for his whole hearted cooperation and assistance with making the Shelter Program a reality. We wish, also, to recognize the untiring efforts displayed by Mr. Gilbert H. Stacy who took on the added duties of Civil Defense Coordinator. Mr. Stacy has spent much of his own time preparing and conducting courses on Shelter Management. Not to be overlooked, are faculty members and employees who are contributing generously of their time and energy to this very important program.

In conclusion, let me say that a lot has been done; however, much still remains to be done before we reach total Civil Defense preparedness. Each citizen can contribute much to the over-all program by developing a sound Home Preparedness Program. If I may offer advice, it would be simply this: "Before you decide to do nothing, seek advice from your Civil Defense Director of Town Officials."

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE F. FIELD

Director of Civil Defense

Northfield Water Company

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1964

Water Sales	\$4693 02	
Other Income	101 00	
		\$4794 02
Operating Costs:		
Water purchased	1323 72	
Operating and maintenance	2359 50	
Depreciation	534 59	
Town taxes	829 45	
Other taxes	62 72	
		5109 98
Income before Dividends		315 96
Dividends		630 00
Deduction from surplus		945 96

Report of the Planning Committee of The Mary M. Ruggles Starkweather Memorial Fund

A meeting of the members of the Mary M. Ruggles Starkweather Memorial Fund was held in November 1964. A great deal of discussion was held over what type of case would qualify. The first interest payment of \$170.00 has been received for the first six months. There was no money spent this year. It was the opinion of the committee that a great deal of help could be given from this fund.

The following people represent each parish:

Alvin Scott — Trinitarian Congregational
(United Church of Christ)
Dorothy M. Miller — First Parish, Unitarian
Harold Carroll — Northfield Baptist
Thomas Hurley — St. Patrick's
Lawrence Marcy — Community Bible

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. SHEARER, Chr.
DWIGHT P. STEARNS
STANLEY J. POWERS.

Sealer of Weights & Measures Report

I have inspected the following scales, weights, and measuring devices during the year of 1964.

3 Scales over 10,000 lbs. cap.	sealed
3 Scales over 100-5000 lbs. cap.	sealed
13 Scales under 100 lbs. cap.	sealed
4 Avoirdupois Weights	sealed
4 Metric Weights	sealed
4 Vehicle tank compartments	sealed

1 Vehicle tank compartments	adjusted
27 Gasoline metering pumps	sealed
8 Gasoline metering pumps	adjusted
7 Oil or Grease pumps	sealed
1 Oil pump	adjusted
2 Kerosene pumps	sealed
1 Wire Cordage measure	sealed

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. ROCKWELL

Inspector of Weights & Measure

Highway Department Report

The Chapter 90 Construction Program for this year was confined again to the Gulf Road. Extensive clearing of trees, and blasting was done to remove ledge. The road was then widened, straightened, filled and brought to grade for 6 tenths of a mile. Seven tubes were placed at several focal points for better drainage. Monies were saved by the Town in using some of the fill taken from the Town gravel bank. Cement posts were added for safety of drivers. Also sealed the resurfacing of 3 tenths of a mile of last years work.

The completion of this road is expected this coming year.

The following improvements have been made on Chapter 81:

So. Mountain Rd.

Starting at Gulf Rd. it was widened, straightened, filled to grade, and surfaced 3 tenths of a mile. Two tubes were also placed for necessary drainage.

Northfield Farms Rd. (Upper)

Widened, graded and resurfaced 2 tenths of a mile which completed the road.

Northfield Farms Rd. (Lower)

Relocated drainage facilities to alleviate road damage.

Highland Circuit

Widened, graded and added a tube for better drainage.

Pentacost Rd.

Widened, filled and added a turn-around place for trucks, to be used on snow removal.

E. Northfield Rd.

Removed stumps of trees to widen the curve near Schell Bridge. Surfaced same.

Resurfacing 2 miles of Town roads was done on Chapter 81.

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Mt. Hermon Rd.

Was widened where it was needed for better drainage and snow removal, plus 1 drainage basin was put in to releave surface water.

Birnam Rd. Bridge

The under decking was scraped, steel brushed, and red-lead-ed to eliminate corrosion.

Considerable work was done on Warwick Rd. and E. Northfield Rd. in connection with fence posts.

Resurfacing of 1.55 miles of Town roads was done on this Chapter.

Considerable work has been accomplished this year, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Northfield, that notified me of some of the hazards on their roads, so that my men and I could better these conditions. I also want to thank the men in my Department for their help and co-operation throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. WEISSINGER

Superintendent of Streets

Tree Warden's Report

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield.

I herewith submit my report for the year ending on December 31, 1964.

During the past year 18 large trees and a number of small trees were removed from our streets and highways that were dead and dangerous. Also there were a number of trees that were trimmed of broken or dead limbs for road clearance and blind corners.

TREE NURSERY

This spring 186 trees from the town nursery were planted along our streets and highways. These trees were planted as follows: Main Street, Moody Street, Mill Street, Pine Street, Howard Street, Bridge Street, School Street, East Street, Maple Street, Highland Avenue, Glenwood Avenue, Parker Avenue, Warwick Avenue, Elm Avenue, North Lane, Gill Road, Mt. Hermon Road, East Northfield Road, Northfield Farms Road, Caldwell Road, Winchester Road, Birnam Road, Stockbridge Road, Turnpike Road, Beers Plain Road and Route 63.

Number and species of trees used as follows: 45 Pin Oak, 38 Norway Maple, 15 Rock Maple, 27 European Mountain Ash, 15 Sycamore, 16 Scottish Pine, 10 Little Leaf Linden, 10 Weeping Willow, and 10 Flowering Crab Apple.

For the year 1965 approximately 200 trees will be taken from the town nursery and planted along our streets and highways.

To the Citizens of Northfield who would like a tree or trees planted in front of their property should contact the Tree Warden.

The towns-people should be commended for their concern about the trees.

At this time I wish to thank the many Citizens who contacted us about the tree problems, so my men and I could correct them. Due to our working part time it is hard to see where all the tree problems are.

Through your suggestions and complaints we are able to give you a better tree program.

Through the generosity of the Village Improvement Society a donation of \$135.00 respectively was received. This donation was responsible for the flowers in front of the Town Hall and the Fire Station, using 48 Geraniums, 30 Cascade Petunias, 42 dozen Marigolds, and 40 dozen Salva. The Village Improvement committee requested that \$35 00 of this money be spent for Chestnut trees and I also ordered 25 Ginkgo Biloba Trees to be delivered to the town nursery sometime in April of 1965.

Again I want to extend a special thanks to the Village Improvement Society for their donation and to thank the towns-people for their splendid co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH S. BILMON

Tree Warden

Report of the Moth Superintendent

During 1964, 210 diseased Elm Trees were removed and burned. There were 200 gallons of 6% D.D.T. Emulsion used to combat Elm Leaf Beetles in May and June. There were 135 samples sent to the Shade Tree Laboratories for culture. A total of 190 trees were found positive and they should be removed and burned before April 1, 1965. These trees are located as follows:

- 60 Northfield
- 40 East Northfield
- 42 West Northfield
- 48 Northfield Farms

GYPSY MOTH

We scouted along the New Hampshire and Vermont state line and found few Gypsy Moth egg clusters but no big infested areas. These areas will be checked out in the spring and fall.

JAPANESE BEETLES

There were only 80 gallons of 9% D.D.T. Emulsion, used to combat Japanese Beetles. The last two years have been a big improvement in controlling the beetles. I am hoping this will continue so we can spend more time on the Poison Ivy and Mosquito program.

POISON IVY

There were 200 gallons of 2-4-D-5T used to control poison ivy, along our streets and highways, also where children play, such as baseball diamonds, playgrounds and swimming places. A number of places on private property were also treated. We used 150 gallons of 6% D.D.T. Emulsion to control mosquito and blackflies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Doctor Malcolm and his staff of men from the Shade Tree Laboratories for helping out on taking Dutch Elm samples. My appreciation is extended to the Western Massachusetts Electric Co., New England Telephone Co. I also want to thank the men of the Tree Department and the Citizens of Northfield for their splendid co-operation in helping me to carry the various programs.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH S. BILMON

Moth Superintendent

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

Northfield's Cemeteries have received their usual care during 1964.

In addition to normal maintenance approximately 30 Stones have been repaired and reset one large Monument has been straightened, two large trees which threatened Stones have been removed, and other necessary tree and shrub work has been accomplished at Center Cemetery, all of which has improved its appearance considerably.

Damage to the fence at South Mountain Cemetery, apparently vandalism, has been repaired.

The brush control measures taken at Collier Cemetery have proved to be effective.

Cemetery expenditures may be found in the Town Accountant's Report.

There have been no receipts to report during 1964.

Respectfully submitted,

OWEN STACEY

WALTER R. CLARK, JR.

HORACE F. FIELD

Cemetery Commissioners

Department of Veterans'

Service Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Northfield, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is a report of the activities of the Central Franklin County District Veterans' Service Center and the Veterans' Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield for the year 1964.

1	Active Service Problems	30
2	Bonus	0
3	Compensation	192
4	Death Benefits	208
5	Discharges	84
6	Education	15
7	Employment	101
8	Finance	534
9	Housing	6
10	Insurance	57
11	Legal	128
12	Loans	31
13	Medical	407
14	Notarizations	19
15	Pension	651
16	Photostats	5938
17	Recordings	32
18	Selective Service	92
19	Social Security	31
20	Taxes	510
21	Veterans Benefits	5069
22	Vital Statistics	153
23	Unclassified	466
	Total Contacts	14754

The figures above represent contacts for all the former servicemen and women in the various communities comprising the district.

The Veterans' Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield provided financial assistance to two families representing 7 persons during the year 1964. One of these cases was of a temporary nature while the other was classified as permanently in need of supplemental aid. The expenditures for the year amounted to \$670.51 and it is anticipated that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will reimburse the town in the sum of \$335.25 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 115 as amended, of the General Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

HOMER L. GAMELIN

Director of Veterans Services

Northern Franklin Welfare District

To: Northfield Board of Public Welfare

From: L. R. Stark, Director, Northern Franklin Welfare District

Subject: Annual Report on Public Assistance for 1964

During the year 1964, the District Welfare Office in Bernardston continued to administer Public Assistance for the Northfield Board of Public Welfare. Northfield's share of the cost was \$890.00.

There was no general cost of living increase in grants during the year but all Old Age Assistance grants were increased \$1.00 per month for leisure time activities. Hospital and Nursing Home rates were increased. Federal participation is \$54.00 per month in Old Age Assistance, \$46.50 per month in Disability Assistance, \$20.50 per person in Aid to Families with Dependent Children and 50% of the cost in Medical Assistance for the Aged. The State also reimburses a part of the cost in all categories. Legal settlements were eliminated in all categories of Public Assistance beginning January 1, 1964.

There was a total of forty-five cases in all categories being aided at the beginning of the year and forty-five at the end of 1964. Total assistance payments for the year were about \$7700

lower than in 1963. Old Age Assistance and Medical Assistance for the Aged were lower but Aid to Families with Dependent Children, General Relief and Disability Assistance were higher.

There were no appeals during the year.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Minimum grants were increased to \$66.00 per month for recipients living with relatives and \$86.00 per month for all others without other resources. Depending on the needs of the individual, these grants ranged upward to \$169.00 per month plus medical needs.

At the beginning of the year twenty-nine persons were being aided at a cost of \$2700.00 per month exclusive of medical needs. At the end of the year there were twenty-six on the rolls with a regular monthly payment of \$234.00. Additional payments for medical needs averaged \$628.00 per month during 1964. Total assistance payments were about \$2200.00 lower than the previous year.

Two applications were received during the year and both were approved for assistance. Five cases were closed, of which three were transferred to Medical Assistance for the Aged and two died.

Two Old Age Assistance liens were released during the year and \$4138.00 was recovered. No new liens were recorded.

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Three cases with nine children were being aided at the beginning of the year at a cost of \$400.00 per month plus medical needs. Four new applications were received and assistance was approved in three cases. Two cases were closed, one moving to another town and the other became self-supporting, leaving four cases on the rolls with nine children at the end of 1964, with regular monthly payments of about \$593.00. Cost in this category increased about \$900.00 from the previous year.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

One application was received, aid was given and was continuing at the end of 1964 in addition to one person who was assisted throughout the year. Costs in this category were some \$50.00 higher than the previous year.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE AGED

There were eleven Medical Assistance for the Aged cases on

the rolls at the beginning of the year of which six were in nursing homes. Five additional applications were processed, three of which were approved for assistance. There were three closings during the year, two of whom died and one became self-supporting, leaving eleven on the rolls at the end of 1964, of which six are patients in licensed nursing homes. Cost in this category decreased about \$7200.00 from the previous year.

GENERAL RELIEF

Two cases were being aided at the start of the year. Six applications were made during the year and assistance was given in all cases. Six cases were closed during the year after five became self-supporting and one was transferred to Aid to Families with Dependent Children leaving two cases receiving aid at the end of 1964. Cost in this category increased about \$900.00 as compared with the previous year.

NORTHFIELD

Welfare Department Expenditures 1964

AVAILABLE FUNDS

Category	Town Appn. & Refunds	Prev. Balance	Fed. Reim. 1964	Total Avail. Funds
O.A.A.	\$17039 70	\$13438 43	\$19445 00	\$49923 13
M.A.A.	13000 00	9762 35	6114 55	28876 90
A.F.D.C.	3000 00	6287 29	1515 50	10802 79
D.A.	1000 00	832 91	558 00	2390 91
G.R.	4000 00	0 00	0 00	4000 00
Adm.	400 00	1089 78	78 06	1567 84
Total	\$38439 70	31410 76	\$27711 11	\$97561 57

O.A.A.	TOTAL	UNUSED
M.A.A.	PAYMENTS	BALANCE
	\$38930 80	\$10992 33
	13317 36	15559 54

A.F.D.C.	4373 55	6429 24
D.A.	781 05	1609 86
G.R.	2392 56	1607 44
Adm.	890 00	677 84
Total	\$60685 32	\$36876 25

DISTRIBUTION OF COSTS

	Receipts		Other	Net Nfld. Cost
	Federal	State		
O.A.A.	\$19445 00	\$14050 32	\$909 52	\$4525 96
M.A.A.	6114 55	4549 76	0 00	2653 05
A.F.D.C.	1515 50	1149 87	0 00	1708 18
D.A.	558 00	1 72	0 00	221 33
G.R.	0 00	473 39	0 00	1919 17
Adm.	78 06	66 36	0 00	745 58
Total	\$27711 11	\$20291 42	\$909 52	\$11773 27

Dickinson Memorial Library Report

Serving as members of the Board of Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library for the year 1964-1965 are the following residents of Northfield: Mrs. Jean P. Hatheway, as chairman; Mrs. Lillian G. Wells as secretary; Mr. Luman A. Barber as treasurer; Mr. William H. Hawley as chairman of the Book Committee; Mr. Donald Q. McColester as chairman of the Committee on Plant and Property; and Mrs. Dorothy C. Miller.

At the Town Meeting on March 2, 1964, Mrs. Hatheway and Mr. Hawley were re-elected each to serve another three-year term.

The assistant librarian, Mrs. Brenda S. Lavender, resigned as of November 1, 1964, to accept a position at the Brattleboro, Vermont, Library, which is more convenient to her home. Mrs. Margaret Variano, of Northfield, was engaged as assistant librarian on a temporary basis from November 3 through December 31, 1964. It is anticipated that shortly after the first of the year Mrs. Lav-

ender will find it possible to return to this Library in her former position as assistant librarian.

1964 has been a quiet year at the Library in the sense that there are no unusual changes or developments to report. However it may be fairly stated that the Trustees, who have met regularly each month, have faithfully discharged their first responsibility, that of administering as efficiently as possible the cultural function and financial affairs of the Library in the best interests of all the residents of Northfield.

The continued active use of the Library pays tribute to the efficient and friendly services of the staff, the excellence of the book collections and the comfort and charm of the surroundings.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN P. HATHEWAY, Chairman

LILLIAN G. WELLS, Secretary

Librarian's Report

Circulation of books and magazines:

Adult and Juvenile	27586
State Bookmobile	2842
Inter-library loan	18
Total	30446
Books added by purchase and gift	822
Books withdrawn	651
Total number of books in circulation	15471
Books borrowed from the State Bookmobile:	
Dickinson Library	2015
Other parts of Town	389
Total	2404
Books borrowed by teachers for school use	354
Books on loan to State Bookmobile	82
Fines turned in to Town Treasurer	\$218 50
Total number of registrations	1066

I extend my thanks to the friends who have donated so many wonderful books and magazines to the Library.

The Northfield Historical Society has given to the Library graduation pictures of Northfield High School in order that High

School memorabilia may be kept together.

During January and February, weekly classes in the use of the card catalog and in the use of reference books were held in the Library for pupils of the Sixth Grade.

Exhibits, representative of local organizations, were displayed on the first and second floors of the Library during National Library Week, April 12-18. Outstanding among them was an exhibit of letters from famous authors, and from American and English Government officials loaned by Mrs. E.M. Powell from her large collection of autographs. A piano recital, by Mrs. Arthur Bolton, Jr., and an evening coffee hour was sponsored by the Trustees. During the entire week no fines were charged for overdue books. Juvenile books, withdrawn from the collection, were sold for ten cents each and the money used to buy new books for the children.

Unneeded duplicate copies of books in the Library collection have been given to the New Salem Public Library and the Vernon, Vt. Free Library.

Members of the Garden Club have provided fresh flowers and flower arrangements for the Library during the late summer and autumn months.

I thank the Trustees for their help and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

EVANGELINE C. COOK

Librarian

Annual Report
of the
Town of Northfield



Athol Franklin County Regional Vocational School Planning Committee Report

The Planning Committee of Northfield attended regular meetings throughout the year, with the combined member towns. An agreement was finally drafted and signed by the members of the twenty-three towns involved. All of the towns were notified and October 26, 1964 was the date for the public to vote on acceptance or rejection. Northfield voted in the affirmative, but three member towns voted negative. This vote nullified establishment of a regional vocational district.

At the December and January meetings, a new agreement has been drafted and will be presented for signing February 16, 1965. The Committee is now planning to have the remaining towns vote on acceptance or not, about April 26, 1965.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. ROCKWELL

ROBERT P. BARNES

WALTER W. HYDE

School Committee Report

ORGANIZATION FOR YEAR 1964

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Bolton, Chairman	Term expires 1965
Alfred D. Montague, Secretary	Term expires 1967
Frank J. Rockwell	Term expires 1965

Norma Stearns resigned in June 1964.

Meeting of the school committee

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the second Wednesday of each month except July and August at 7:15 p.m. at the Center School.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

F. Sumner Turner

Dartmouth A.B. — Harvard M. Ed.

Boston University — University of Massachusetts

Office Pioneer Valley Regional School	Tel. 493-2757
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SCHOOL SECRETARIES

Madelyn J. Page

Helen Mahoney

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

F. Wilton Dean, M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Marian C. Billings, R.N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

School open January 4, 1965	Close February 19, 1965
Schools open March 1, 1965	Close April 15, 1965
Schools open April 20, 1965	Close June 18, 1965
Schools open September 8, 1965	Close November 24, 1965
Schools open November 29, 1965	Close December 23, 1965
School open January 3, 1966	Close February 18, 1966

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Northfield:

I am pleased to present herewith my seventeenth annual report dealing with the progress made in the public school during the year 1964. This is the 228th report on public education in the Town of Northfield.

Enrollments

The grade assignments were continued in the same fashion as last year, namely: a kindergarten meeting with half of the youngsters in the morning and other half of the youngsters in the afternoon, and two sections of each grade. The enrollment by grade and section was as follows as of December 23, 1964:

Kindergarten	48
Grade one	43
Grade two	47
Grade three	50
Grade four	41
Grade five	46
Grade six	59
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The enrollment of the various rooms was as follows:

Kindergarten (Smithers)	48
Grade one (Bolton)	22
Grade one (Thomas)	21
Grade two (Doolittle)	25
Grade two (North)	22
Grade three (Stebbins)	26
Grade three (Wahlstrom)	24
Grade four (Sheldon)	23
Grade four (Kaufhold)	18
Grade five (Parker)	23
Grade five (Barry)	23
Grade six (Moran)	30
Grade six (Miles)	29
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A study of our enrollment figures reveals that at Northfield our grade placements approach quite closely the accepted stand-

ards of twenty-five pupils to a class. There is a steady trend of families moving from the cities to the smaller towns. Also, route 91 is nearing completion. How many pupils and how soon are the problems for study.

Apart from this growth there is a constant interchange of pupils. Their stay ranges from one week to months. Last year we enrolled 38 new pupils throughout the school year. At the moment we can accomodate these pupils, but there still is the problem of assimilation. It takes precious teacher time and energy to ascertain their achievements and abilities and to find their proper place in our classes.

Teachers

Once again the turnover of teachers was at a minimum this past year. This is good. This allows the school to plan, to initiate and to continue curricula designed for our needs and goals. The teachers have a chance to know thoroughly their pupils, their parents and homes. Likewise, the parents get to know the teachers and the school.

Mrs. Virginia Haack, teacher of grade two for eighteen years retired at the end of the school year. Mrs. Haack was a very fine teacher and was extremely well liked by pupils, teachers and parents. We all wish Mrs. Haack many happy years in which to enjoy her many interests and activities.

Mr. John A. Robinson, teacher of grade six, resigned to accept the position of Principal-teacher in the Warwick Center School. Mr. Robinson completed a fine year in Northfield and we wish him many pleasant years in school administration.

Mrs. Judith Miles returned from her year's leave of absence and was assigned to teach grade six. For some time Mrs. Miles has desired to teach an upper grade.

Mrs. Barbara Doolittle, a graduate of Pembroke College, Brown University, with thirty-four additional credits in education and five years of experience teaching primary grades, was engaged to teach grade two. Thus, our present faculty is one of well trained and experienced teachers.

Repairs and Improvements

The Committee continues its policy of doing a certain amount of redecoration, repairs and improvements of the buildings each year. Also, it avoids numerous and costly repairs in one budget. This year the three classrooms on the lower floor of the south building, the trim in the lower hall and cafeteria, and the outside doors and porches on both buildings were redecorated. Metal

stair treds were installed in the lower entrance of the north building. Transparent wire glass was placed in all fire doors in both buildings. The latter was requested by the State Building Inspector. The outside doors of the lower classroom and storage room in the north building were replaced. The roof of the south building was checked and all broken and missing slates were replaced. In general, the Northfield school buildings are in a very presentable shape and if a few items are replaced or redecorated each year, there should never be many and costly repairs.

The most serious problem facing the elementary schools of Northfield is the heating of the north building. At present, this is accomplished by a dual Spencer hand-fired coal burning boiler and Nesbitt hand-controlled univents (These both heat and ventilate the rooms.) and stand-by radiators in halls and rooms. The boilers are equipped with three hand-filled magazines. However, over the years they have warped and are no longer efficient. Flames will at times enter the magazines and burn the coal before it can be used. This magazine feeder requires tremendous skill and patience which is very hard to find. The trick is to have the proper amount of steam on hand to satisfy the hand controlled system above. With all controls hand operated this situation rarely occurs. Furthermore, nights and week-ends there is no way of leaving the steam on, thus each morning the custodian finds the building cold upon his arrival. Also, this great range of temperature day in and day out is not good for the building. This inability to maintain constant temperature and the requiring constant attention of the teacher is not good for satisfactory teaching. The School Committee have voted to place an article in this year's warrant to replace the boiler and put automatic controls on the univents and most radiators upstairs. This automatic control will enable the custodian to heat only those rooms being used. At present, to heat one room you must heat the entire building. This project has been put off for many years. I sincerely hope you will give this your careful attention and support at the Town Meeting.

Curriculum

The curriculum of a school is the most important single item and should be under careful study at all times. During the early months of the year the course of thirty-six class hours in the "Modern Approach to Mathematics" was completed under the splendid leadership of Mr. Hugh Hayden, Principal of the Bernardston Elementary School. The attendance and cooperation of the teachers of Union #18 was most gratifying. This in-service

training was to enable us to choose a textbook that would most nearly fit our curriculum and teaching abilities. The series as published by the American Book Company was adopted for grades 3-4-5-6 and the Laidlaw Company series for Kindergarten, one and two. These books were obtained in September and the progress made has been most satisfactory.

This past fall has seen our teachers examining and discussing English-Language books under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Mayberry of the Gill Elementary School. Shortly after the Christmas holidays meetings will be held to choose a suitable text to fit our needs in the English curriculum. It is the policy to attempt to review and retext one major subject each year. A year ago it was Science, this year Mathematics and next year it will be English. The average life of a book in school use is about five years. In general, by this plan books are replaced as they are worn out and outdated for good school procedures.

Cafeteria

Under the fine leadership of Mrs. Minnie Huber, Mrs. Esther Clough and Mrs. Mildred Aldrich the hot lunch program continues to thrive. This year 43,559 student "A" lunches, 1602 adult lunches and 13,452 additional bottles of milk were served. By close planning and good use of government surplus foods, the price to pupils remains at twenty cents per lunch. This price has been maintained since the beginning of the lunch program some eighteen years ago.

Supervisors

The vocal and instrumental music programs, under the leadership of Miss Phyllis Drew and Mr. Eugene Gancarz have enjoyed a most gratifying year. Much has been accomplished in the various art projects under the direction of Mr. August Mello. The problem of time still plagues the vocal music and art programs. The time is not far off when the Bernardston Elementary School must face the necessity of building a four room addition. At that time, this problem of supervisors time will need complete solution.

Regional Vocational-Technical School

In October the projected agreement of the Franklin County Regional Vocational-Technical School was voted by Northfield. However, three non-union #18 towns voted against the proposition. In that two of these towns would be sending many pupils, it became necessary to revise the agreement. This is being done

and it is hoped that the next vote can be taken during the month of April. The type of training offered by this school compliments rather than replaces any curriculum that we now have. With the need of more training of our youth this school would be a fine addition to our school offerings. I urge the town to maintain the same vote in April.

Willis Report

On the last Wednesday in December this Special Commission released a summary report of "Quality Education for Massachusetts." This Commission has studied all types of education offered in the Commonwealth and has offered to the Legislature a master plan of recommendations. It is their hope that most of their recommendations can be made the law of the Commonwealth. It suggests a reorganization of the State Department of Education with increased personnel to furnish greater leadership and enforcement of the educational laws of the state. Following are a few of the recommendations that would affect our local schools:

(1) "The school year shall consist of 185 days of actual school attendance for pupils between September 1 and June 30."

(2) "School districts shall provide a half day of Kindergarten for 185 days (attendance permissive)."

(3) "The compulsory education for mandatory attendance shall be set at age six with immediate implementation; the upper mandatory age shall be raised to age seventeen within two years and to age eighteen within four years (unless the students have graduated from high school)." These are but a few that are set forth in the seventy pages of this report. It is planned to have copies available in all libraries. There will be a limited number at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools which could be borrowed for a limited time. I urge that every citizen find some means of acquainting himself with this report.

Finances

In 1964 the cost of public education in Northfield was \$132,479.94 and Northfield's share of the Pioneer Valley Regional School was \$145,608.82 making a total of \$278,088.76. The reimbursements paid to the town was \$59,341.37 and Northfield's share of the reimbursements paid directly to Pioneer Valley Regional School was \$26,315.53 making a total of \$85,656.90 leaving a net cost of \$312.39.

The reimbursements for the following year are estimated as follows:

Chapter 70 as amended 1948	\$40859 00
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Vocational tuition	400 00
Vocational transportation	325 00
State Wards	57 05
Superintendent's salary and travel	1832 91
Interest, School surplus fund	64 64
Transportation	15000 00
Special Class	854 50 \$59393 10

You will notice that the School Committee Financial Report is in a slightly different form than previously. This is to conform with the new state accounting system. It is fully coded and far more in detail. This has been adopted to have all schools account for their funds in greater detail and all in the same fashion. Up to now, there have been many different systems and to compare one school system with another meant nothing. In a year or two when the difficulties have been worked out comparisons between school systems will be meaningful.

Again, I urge you to study with care the detailed reports of the other school personnel accompanying this report. The success of our schools is the result of the cooperative efforts of the School Committee, School Personnel, Parents, Friends and Students. I wish to thank each one for his or her contribution to the total success. It is pleasant and rewarding to be a part of such an on-going enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

F. SUMNER TURNER

Superintendent of Schools

Report of the School Organization

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated
Paul C. Deacon	Principal	Tufts University, B.A. Boston University, M.Ed.
Madeline A. Smithers	Kindergarten	Boston University, B.A. Hartford Seminary Foundation, M.A. *Leslie College
Ruth W. Bolton	Grade 1	Fitchburg Normal School *University Extension
Dorothea B. Thomas	Grade 1	Keene Teachers College *University of Vermont *University Extension *Springfield College
Barbara F. Doolittle	Grade 2	Pembroke College, B.A. *Central Connecticut State College
Ruby North	Grade 2	Bay Path Institute *Greenfield Commercial School *Fitchburg Normal School
Ruth Stebbins	Grade 3	Lowell Teachers College, B.S.

Marion Wahlstrom	Grade 3	Framingham State Teachers College, B.S. *University of Chicago *Boston University *Harvard-Boston Univ. Extension *State of New York Extension *University of Massachusetts
Allison K. Kaufhold	Grade 4	Michigan State College, B.S. *University of Massachusetts
Catherine Sheldon	Grade 4	Fitchburg Normal School *University of Massachusetts
Evelyn H. Parker	Grade 5	N. Adams State Teachers College, B.S.E. *Boston University
Janet S. Barry	Grade 5	No. Adams Normal School *N. Adams State Teachers College
Ernest Moran	Grade 6	Keene Teachers College, B.E.
Judith Miles	Grade 6	N. Adams State Teachers College, B.S.E. *Michigan State University
Marian C. Billings	Nurse	Franklin County Public Hospital, R.N.
August C. Mello	Art Supervisor	Massachusetts College of Art, B. S., M.A.

Phyllis Drew	Music Supervisor	Crane School of Music *New York University *Columbia University *Westminister Choir College
Eugene Gancarz	Instrumental	Boston University *University of Massachusetts *Additional courses

SCHOOL CUSTODIANS

William Ross

Norman Holloway

SCHOOL LUNCH

Mrs. Minnie Huber

Mrs. Esther Clough

Mrs. Mildred Aldrich

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

	Approp. 1964	Expended 1964	Recom. 1965
1000 Administration	\$3961 00	\$3555 35	\$4178 00
2000 Instruction	89985 00	90298 72	97081 00
3000 Other Services	20018 00	19021 59	20096 00
4000 Operation and Maintenance	18165 00	17860 45	19040 00
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets	400 00	233 58	400 00
9000 Programs with Other Schools	1600 00	1510 25	1315 00
Totals	133859 00	132479 94	142110 00

NET COST OF SCHOOLS 1964

Expenditures (Elementary School)	\$132479 94	
Expenditures (Northfield's share PVRs)	145608 82	278088 76
State of Massachusetts, reimbursements to be paid to Town of Northfield		
Chapter 70 as amended 1948	40859 48	
Vocational tuition	424 60	
Transportation	14923 19	
Vocational Transportation	325 00	
State Wards	57 05	
Supt. Salary and travel	1832 91	
Interest, School Surplus Fund	64 64	
Special Class	854 50	59341 53
Reimbursement paid to PVRs Northfield's share		26315 53
		\$85656 90
Net Cost of Education		192431 86

STATE AID AND NET COST OF EDUCATION

Year	Total costs	Reimburse.	%	Net Cost	Net Pupils	Cost per pupil
1958	\$178311 24	\$63572 89	35.6	\$114738 35	538	\$213 27
1959	188590 69	75055 69	39.7	113535 13	538	211 03
1960	204678 46	76081 24	37.1	128597 22	550	233 81
1961	212576 00	73705 19	34.7	138870 87	545	254 81
1962	233965 23	75719 14	32.4	158246 09	582	271 90
1963	260551 97	78528 80	30.1	182023 17	601	302 86
1964	278088 76	85656 90	30.8	192431 86	616	312 39

NORTHFIELD SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Net worth January 1, 1964 (Cash, inventory, claims)		\$986 43
Cash balance		13 68
Receipts:		
Student lunches	8686 74	
Adult lunches	483 00	
Milk	372 09	
U.S.D.A.	4287 59	
Other	167 50	13996 92
Total cash		14010 60
Disbursements:		
Food	7386 11	
Labor	6082 70	
Other	580 57	14049 38
Closing cash balance		-38 78
Cash balance		-38 78
Inventory	275 63	
U.S.D.A. Claims	913 75	
Net worth December 31, 1964		\$1150 60

NORTHFIELD REPORT ON SCHOOL CENSUS

October 1, 1964

	Boys	Girls	Total
Between ages 0 and 5	71	84	155
Between ages 5 and 7	46	42	88
Between ages 7 and 14	176	189	365
Between ages 14 and 16	66	53	119
	359	368	727

Enrollment by Grades — October 1, 1964

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Boys	24	22	22	30	20	22	31	171
Girls	24	21	28	21	22	24	29	169
Totals	48	43	50	51	42	46	60	340

Resident Enrollment

	Boys	Girls	Total
Center School	171	169	340
Mount Hermon	11		11
High Mowing	1		1
Holy Trinity	1	1	2
Bement School	2	1	3
State Institution		1	1
Special Class	1		1
At Home		1	1
Mahar Regional		1	1

Northfield School for Girls		17	17
Greenfield Vocational	2		2
Cushing		1	1
Pioneer Valley Regional	138	138	276
Totals	327	330	657

Report of the Principal

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee.

I herewith submit my fourth annual report.

This past year witnessed several changes in our teaching staff. Mrs. Virginia Haack retired after having served our schools faithfully as a second grade teacher for eighteen years. Mr. Robinson resigned his sixth grade post to become principal of the Warwick Elementary School. Mrs. Miles returned from her leave of absence and requested the position in grade six. We were most fortunate to hire Mrs. Barbara Doolittle of Bernardston to take over the duties in grade two. During the summer Mrs. Marion Wahlstrom was granted a leave of absence from which she has just recently returned. Mrs. Eleanor Deane filled in during Mrs. Wahlstrom's absence.

Two curriculum changes were noted this September. A new, "modern approach to mathematics," program was implemented following a year-long study on the part of the teachers. As with the beginning of any new venture, there have been problems and adjustments. Generally speaking, however, as teachers and students grasp the "feel" of the new approach, there is a unanimous agreement that it is superior to the traditional methods and will lead to a better understanding.

The second change came in the reading program in grades 4, 5, and 6. This year we have tied our language classes with the reading program and extended the time block to one hour and thirty minutes. Thus far the program has been a limited success.

During the spring term we were fortunate in having four student teachers from the University of Massachusetts do their stu-

dent teaching here. They were Evelyn Hanson assigned to Mrs. Bolton, Claudia Kelly working under Mrs. Thomas, Catherine Wilder with Mrs. Wahlstrom and Joan Holland with Mrs. Kaufhold. It is a rewarding experience to be able to help new teachers get a start in their chosen profession and at the same time for us to learn some of the newest techniques being taught at the university level.

Early in the fall of this year we began a union-wide study of our language arts program. This group has been meeting and studying our language arts curriculum with ultimate goal of a new English study guide, which we hope to adopt during the 1965 Spring term.

The physical plant has been freshened with new paint in many areas, most specifically the entrance doors and cafeteria. We have also had the welcome addition of a tarred games area located on the north side of the North School Building. We hope to be able to clear this area for winter use and for many "court type" games during the spring and fall.

In general, the past year has been a gratifying one. We have witnessed gains in many areas. It is only through the continued efforts of all involved; parents, school committee, administration, teachers and students that growth is possible and can continue.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL C. DEACON

Principal

Report of the Music Supervisor

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee:

May I submit the report of the music program. Because of the sincere efforts of the teaching staff and administration in Union #18, the music program continues to grow.

However, we are in need of added teaching personnel and materials with which to work.

The pianos in all schools have been tuned.

Northfield Center School entertained the Irving elementary glee club with a program in April. Grades two through six participated in the May Festival of Music at the Pioneer Regional School. There were numerous assemblies at which each class performed. These small concerts show steady growth in know-how and artistic performance. All classes took part in the Christmas assemblies.

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS DREW

Music Supervisor

Report of Instrumental Music

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee:

Thirty-nine students are presently enrolled in the instrumental music program in the elementary school. The students are divided into two groups; eighteen sixth graders and twenty-one fifth graders, forming two distinct elementary bands.

Each group has two weekly instruction periods. The sixth grade band meets on Monday afternoon and on Tuesday before school. The Fifth grade band meets on Monday afternoon and on Tuesday before school.

Both groups participate in the annual spring concert at Pioneer Valley Regional School. In addition, the sixth grade band takes part in the Memorial Day Parade.

The youngsters enjoy this musical study and approach their work with a great deal of enthusiasm. The program has proven to be an excellent foundation for the more diversified program being offered at the Pioneer Valley Regional School.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE GANCARZ

Instructor and Program Dir.

Report of the Art Supervisor

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee:

I submit herewith my second annual report as Union Art Supervisor.

The primary and intermediate grades worked with watercolor projects, graphic drawings, cut paper and collage exercises. These lessons were conducted as an advanced follow-up of last years introduction projects. Grades four through six were given, in addition, lessons dealing with lettering and perspective drawing as applied to architecture.

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUST C. MELLO

Art Supervisor

Report of the School Physician

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee:

During 1964, physical examinations were given to the elementary school pupils both in May and in the fall. In May at the pre-school clinic those children entering kindergarten in the fall were examined. At this examination the parents were present, which we feel is an advantage.

In the fall, all new pupils and those not examined for three years were examined. Fewer defects than usual were found with the exception of infected tonsils. There has been an epidemic of acute tonsillitis among the children this fall, and a few have come down with scarlet fever. In general, however, the health of the pupils in the elementary grades is excellent. In view of the recent cases of scarlet fever, I think I should remind parents that a certificate from the board of health, school physician or their own physician is required by state law before a child out of school with a contagious disease or out of school for over 5 days for any reason may return to school.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WILTON DEAN, M.D.

School Physician

Report of the School Nurse

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee:

I herewith submit my annual report as school nurse for the year of 1964.

Physical examinations of all students in grades 2 and 5, plus any newcomers to our school system was completed in the fall. Any defects were duly reported to the parents.

The school physician, Dr. F. Wilton Dean, examined thirty-five children in preparation for their entry into kindergarten. Students from the University who were enrolled in the practice teaching program assisted with the clinic, held in May. PTA members served coffee and cookies to the children and parents who attended.

The dental program was initiated in kindergarten with a demonstration of the proper method of tooth care. Brushes and tooth paste contributed by Kiwanis Club were given to each child.

A demonstration in desirable nutrition using a pair of white mice was enjoyed by all students.

Children who would benefit from speech therapy were referred to the proper agencies.

Hearing and vision tests were administered to students in grades 1-6. All failures were reported to parents with treatment being undertaken in the majority of cases.

All students were weighed and measured.

I wish to express appreciation to all agencies, individuals and school personnel for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIAN C. BILLINGS, R.N.

Report of the Athletic Field

Appropriation		\$606 16
Expenditures:		
Maintenance of Grounds C.S.	41 15	
Maintenance of Grounds Supplies	41 66	82 81
Balance		\$523 35

Pioneer Valley Regional School

District Report

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Charles A. Morse, Chairman	Warwick
Mr. Charles W. Llewelyn, Vice Chairman	Northfield
Mrs. Carolyn Parenteau	Northfield
Mrs. Elizabeth Bolton, resigned 10/64	Northfield
Mr. Wendell E. Streeter	Bernardston
Mr. William E. Field, Jr.	Bernardston
Mrs. Anna Wilcox	Bernardston
Mrs. Marion Zimmerman	Leyden
Mrs. Dorothy Howes	Leyden
Mr. Harold Johnson	Leyden
Mr. Lloyd V. Freitag	Warwick
Mr. Howard Keith	Warwick
Mr. Frank Rockwell, replaced Mrs. Bolton 10/64	Northfield

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee and Citizens of Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield and Warwick:

I am pleased to present the eighth annual report of the operations and accomplishments of the Pioneer Valley Regional School.

This year has seen the enrollment climb to the stated capacity figure of 550. In fact, at the beginning of the calendar year the enrollment was 554. When the school opened in 1957 there were 315 enrolled. This situation calls for more difficulties in making the program, tends to stifle the expansion of the curriculum, forced the use of rooms not designed for that purpose, and makes the home room situation most difficult. In thinking of an addition, we should first examine our needs. In the ten years since the plans of this building were made, there have been many changes in the should first examine our needs. In the ten years since the plans of this building were made, there have been many changes in the teaching of many subjects. This addition should enable us to update all our procedures and have once again an up-to-date building. We must estimate our growth for at least the next ten years. With Route 91 nearly completed and the great mobility of the

American public, this will be most difficult. However, the original school committee should be complimented on their fine forecast.

It is hoped that the Town of Gill will arrive at a solution of their junior-senior high problem in the near future. I feel that the entrance of Gill into our school would be of mutual benefit both educationally and financially for all towns. If this does not come to pass, we must proceed with the addition if we are to retain our high standards and ratings.

CHANGES IN TEACHING PERSONNEL

Withdrawals

Mr. William A. Nesbitt	June, 1964
Mrs. Edith Aldrich	March, 1964
Miss Nancy Blanchard	June, 1964
Mrs. Jacqueline Gilman	June, 1964

Appointments

Mrs. Margrette M. Bassett	September, 1964
Mr. Frank W. Gadbois	September, 1964
Mrs. Jacqueline L. Marino	September, 1964
Mr. Edward A. Potter	September, 1964
Mr. John Miles	Returned from year's leave of absence.

The educational backgrounds and assignments of these new teachers may be found in the list of the faculty.

The Evening Practical Arts Courses continue to be well attended. The past year saw classes in rug hooking and rug braiding, sewing and knitting. After the Christmas holidays it may be possible to start classes in cake decorating.

Starting January 24 there will be a class in typewriting sponsored by the School Committee.

The so-called Willis Report was released December 30. This report covers all phases of education in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Some of its recommendations will be made law. This is the first time that the State has ever received such an all-inclusive report. Every citizen should take time to acquaint himself with this report. The library and the Office of the Superintendent of Schools will have copies that can be borrowed.

Again I invite you to read the reports of the various departments of our school for further details of the total operation.

The achievements and activities of Pioneer Valley Regional School are too many and varied to make a listing here. I wish to express my appreciation to all those who have in any way made this record possible.

I wish to thank the School Committee, School Personnel, Parents and Students for their hearty cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. SUMNER TURNER

Superintendent of Schools

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL

Annual Report of the Principal — 1964

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee:

Herewith, I submit my eighth annual report as principal of Pioneer Valley Regional School.

Enrollment

As has been expected, our enrollment this school year now exceeds the planned capacity of 550 students. The first school week of September found us with an enrollment of 555. There is usually an attrition during the first few weeks of school of ten or a dozen students. This has not occurred this year and our year-end enrollment shows that students are staying in school longer.

This increased enrollment has meant rather crowded conditions for many classes; the use of many small areas as classrooms which are not equipped or suited as such; and the curtailment of any plans to broaden our program of studies. Until such time as plans are made for the expansion of our building facilities, it will be necessary for our curriculum committee to concentrate on a study of our present program with a view to revision, consolidation of courses, or an increased use of auditorium facilities for larger group instruction.

During the present school year, World Geography was re-introduced into the curriculum for high school classes. The en-

rollment by subjects in the high school classes are:

English 9	104	General Math 9	24
English 10	85	Refresher Math 12	18
English 11	83	Agriculture 9 & 10	16
English 12	73	Agriculture 11 & 12	10
Speech 9	105	Industrial Arts 9	10
Speech 10	85	Industrial Arts 10	9
Writing Course	16	Industrial Arts 11	7
Latin I	36	Industrial Arts 12	3
Latin II	21	Mechanical Drawing	4
French 1	40	Senior Glee Club	31
French II	25	Art	13
General Science	76	Homemaking 9	18
Biology	84	Homemaking 10	15
Chemistry	38	Homemaking 11	16
Physics	18	Homemaking 12	31
Physical Science	21	Typing I	83
Government	40	Typing II	17
World History	66	Office Practice	16
U. S. History	85	Bookkeeping I	30
Prob. of Democracy	73	Bookkeeping II	13
World Geography	24	Shorthand I	18
Algebra I (Trad)	25	Shorthand II	17
Algebra I (Mod)	53	Phys. Ed. (boys)	A11
Algebra II	33	Phys. Ed. (girls)	A11
Geometry	41	Senior Band	76
Advanced Math	22	Driver Education	34
Business Math 9	25		

The class enrollments as of December 1, 1964 were:

7P	27	7V	30	7R	33	7S	15	105
8P	33	8V	27	8R	31	8S	12	103
9P	28	9V	33	9R	34	9S	10	105
10P	23	10V	34	10R	18	10S	10	85
11P	25	11V	24	11R	26	11S	8	83
12P	24	12V	28	12R	18	12S	3	73
								Total

Commencement Program

Baccalaureate services were conducted at our school auditorium on Sunday, June 7, 1964. The message was delivered by the Reverend Paul C. Clayton, minister of the Central Congrega-

tional Church of Orange. The subject of his address was "The Three Battles of David." The Reverend Frank Wahlstrom gave the opening prayer; the Reverend James Beveridge read the lesson (Ephesians 6: 10-20); and the Reverend Harold Tallman gave the closing prayer.

Graduation was held Friday, June 12, at 8:00 P.M. The program was as follows:

Processional: "God of Our Fathers"	Class of 1964
Pledge of Allegiance	Audience
Invocation	The Rev. Jerome Wood
Song — "Battle Hymn of the Republic"	Glee Club
Welcome	Leland Streeter, Pres., Class of 1964
Honor Essay — "Teen Agers - Their Defense"	Lillian Herrick
Honor Essay — "Toward Higher Education"	Arthur Newton
Songs	"Hi Ho Nobody Home" — Charles Glee Club
"You'll Never Walk Alone" — Rogers and Hammerstein	
Address	Dr. Beaumont A. Herman
	President Western New England College
	"What Difference Does It Make?"
Special Awards	Prin. George M. Leonard
Gift of the Class of 1964	Leland Streeter
Awarding of Diplomas	Supt. F. Sumner Turner
Class Song	Words by Reita Sell and Charles Payne
Benediction	Mr. Harry A. Erickson
Recessional "Pomp and Circumstance"	Class of 1964

The class officers and class roll were as follows:

President	Leland Streeter
Vice President	David LaBelle
Secretary	Susan Schumaker
Treasurer	Mary McCollum
Betty Jean Aldrich	John Norman Durkee, Jr.
James Albert Anderson	Edwin William Francis Dyer, III
Douglas Arthur Baker	Carol Lynn Fellows
Julia Elizabeth Barnes	James Williams Field
Stephen Edward Belsky	Ernest Eugene Freyenhagen
Chester Elliot Caron	Brenda Irene Gibson
Stephen Warren Curtis	Maxine Hope Gillespie
David Robert Dale	Marilyn Louise Hale
Elizabeth Lottie Davis	Randel Barry Haubrich
Judith Ann Davis	*Lillian Elizabeth Herrick
Geraldine Ina Day	Linda May Herron
David Arthur Denison	Glenn Douglas Hine

Carl Gustav Johnson
Edward Irving Johnson
Claude Adelbert Kenney

Susan Ann Schumaker
Reita Gertrude Sell
*Christopher Eliot Sheldon
Phillips Bradley Sherburne
Irene Ann Smith
Marcia Jeanne Stacy
Virginia Alice Stacy
*Leland Arthur Streeter
Ruby Ann Streeter
Helen Kathryn Tallman
Larry Gilbert Thurber
Joel Foster Underwood
Lauren Underwood
Dean Vinten
Raymond Castine Waterman, Jr.
Nancy Ann Weaver
Sharon Jane Wiles
Frederic Albert Wilmarth
Robert John Witalisz

Donna Jean Magoon
Sharon Lee Matthews
Jonathan Gordon Mayberry
Howard Herrmann Maynard
Mary Ann McCollum
Teresa Maria Mello
Robert Harold Neipp
*Arthur Roy Newton
Linda Lee Norrish
Charles Anton Payne
Stephen Ernest Petrin
Jo-Ann Alice Phillips
Carolyn Candace Putnam
Kevin Lawrence Quinlan

*Member of National Honor Society

Awards and Scholarships

Emily C. Jenness Awards (Bernardston)

Best in English - Lillian Herrick
Character — Carol Olsen

Bernardston PTA Scholarship — \$100. — David Denison

Pioneer Valley Union Teachers' Association Scholarship — 2 at \$150.

\$150. — Leland Streeter

\$150. — Linda Herron

Student Council Awards

1. Highest Scholastic Standing — Arthur Newton
2. 2nd Highest Scholastic Standing — Lillian Herrick

Bausch & Lomb Science Award (Excellence in Science) — Arthur Newton

Isaac B. Snow Awards (Two highest ranking students from Bernardston)

1. Highest Scholastic Standing — Lillian Herrick
2. 2nd Highest Scholastic Standing — Ruby Streeter

D. A. R. Good Citizen Award — Lillian Herrick

George A. Warner Award — Ruby Streeter

Pioneer Valley P. T. A. Scholarship of \$250. — Arthur Newton

Warwick Community Scholarship — Stephen Belsky
Hampshire Basketball League — Scholarship — \$100. — Leland Streeter
Leyden P. T. O. Scholarship — \$100. — Linda Herron
John Philip Sousa Award (Outstanding work in Instrumental Music and Band) — Raymond Waterman, Jr.
Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow Award — Lillian Herrick

Chosen Careers

It is always most interesting to see where our graduates are six months after their graduation. Many have chosen to obtain a college education. Others have gone into nursing or two year colleges. Some have entered the Armed Forces, while others are working or have married. Of the sixty students who graduated on June 12, fifteen are now enrolled in four year colleges, seven are at the Greenfield Community College, while one other has entered a 2 year college. Three are in schools of nursing. Six are in the service of their country. Five are married, while the remainder are working.

Those receiving further education are: at the University of Massachusetts; Leland Streeter, Stephen Belsky, David Denison, Edwin Dyer, Linda Herron and Lillian Herrick; at the Museum of Fine Arts; Stephen Curtis; at Bryant College, Howard Maynard; at Dartmouth, Arthur Newton; at American International College, Kevin Quinlan and Joel Underwood; at Nathaniel Hawthorne, Phillip Sherburne; at Marietta, Christopher Sheldon; at Baptist Bible Seminary, Helen Tallman; at Norwich, Dean Vinten; and at New England School of Art, Susan Schumaker. At the Greenfield Community College are James Anderson, Claude Kenney, Linda Norrish, Jo-Ann Phillips, Raymond Waterman, Mary McCollum and Teresa Mello. Those entering the nursing profession are Judy Davis, Geraldine Day and Betty Aldrich. At Hesser Business College is Randel Haubrich. Those entering the Armed Forces are Douglas Baker, James Field, Ernest Freyenhagen, Stephen Petrin, Glenn Hine and Fred Wilmarth. To all these we extend our best wishes for success and happiness as we also do to the remainder who have married or entered the labor field.

In Conclusion

In the nearly eight years of its operation, Pioneer Valley Regional School has increased greatly in its enrollment, in its activities, in its number of graduates, and in its ability to prepare

its students for their chosen field of endeavors. Much more needs to be done however, This can only be done by the cooperative efforts of all who are concerned with the education of the students served by our district. The students are of prime importance. What effects them is of greatest concern of all of us.

Many times those most closely associated with the students while in school are not aware of some of their problems. Parents can assist greatly by communicating directly with the personnel at school or with the administration to bring about a clear understanding of the situation. Parents will find the teachers and administrators most cooperative in helping to find solutions to pupils' problems. Personal contact is one of the greatest aids in the solution of problems.

We are most appreciative of the excellent support given to our school and its activities by parents, friends, and the general citizenry of our school district.

We hope you will continue to support us and project to us your suggestions for ways of improvement in our program.

May I personally take this opportunity to thank Mr. Turner, the members of the school committee, all teachers and all other personnel for their appreciated efforts on behalf of the Pioneer Valley Regional School during the past year.

Sincerely,

GEORGE M. LEONARD

Principal

REPORT OF SCHOOL FUNDS

STUDENT FUNDS

Balances on hand January 1, 1965

General Fund	\$223 96
FFA	474 70
Student Council	1061 73
Class of 1965	3640 82
Class of 1966	774 61
Class of 1967	383 77

Class of 1968	216 06
Class of 1969	141 75
Band	424 27
Journalism	401 91
Glee Club (deficit)	409 75
Pep Club	95 25
Art Club	23 25
Camera Club (deficit)	22 83
National Honor Society	52 27
Gym Club	3 50

Athletic Account - 1964

Balance on hand January 1, 1964 \$262 27

Receipts:

Admissions to basketball games	\$584 20	
Admissions to football games	898 84	
Transportation fees	158 90	
		1641 94
Total Receipts		\$1904 21

Disbursements:

Police	73 50	
Transportation	1749 50	
Total expenses		1823 00
Balance on hand January 1, 1965		\$81 21

Football Insurance Account 1964

Balance on hand January 1, 1964		\$174 10
Receipts	\$158 18	
Disbursements	110 00	
Balance on hand January 1, 1965		\$222 28

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL FACULTY			WHERE EDUCATED
NAME	SUBJECTS		
Mr. George M. Leonard	Principal		Bridgewater State College, B. S. Boston University, M. Ed.
Mrs. Margrette M. Bassett	Typing Office Practice		Brevard Junior College Greensboro College for Women, B. A. Army Language School *Berlitz School of Language Ordinance Training School
Mr. John T. Callahan	Asst. Principal Chemistry		Keene State College, B. Ed. Boston University, M. Ed. *University of Conn. *Holy Cross
Mrs. Helen E. Atwood	Home Economics & Math		University of Mass., B. S.
Mr. Robert C. Avakian	English		Clark University, B. S.
Mr. Francis A. DeGrenier	General Science Biology		University of Mass., B. S. *Bridgewater State College
Mr. H. Nelson Dyer	Math		University of Mass., B. S. Ch. E.
Mr. Edward H. Forbush	Physical Education Science		University of Mass., B. S.

Mr. Frank W. Gadbois	French Social Studies	Franklin Marshall College, B. A.
Mr. Roger W.O. Genest	English General Science	Keene State College, B. E. *University of Massachusetts
Mr. Russell C. Goodwin	Vocational Agric.	University of New Hampshire, B. S. *University of Massachusetts
Mrs. Beryle Hammond	Home Economics	University of New Hampshire, B. S. *University of Massachusetts
Mr. John Hogan	Math & Industrial Arts	North Adams State College, B. S. Ed. *Keene State College
Mrs. Lois A. Humphrey	Physical Education	Sargent College, B. U., B. S. *Springfield College
Mr. Peter J. Kapolka	Social Studies	Worcester State College, B. S. Ed. *Assumption College *University of Massachusetts
Mrs. Sylvia Liebenow	English & Literature	Middlebury College, B. A. *University of Massachusetts
Mrs. Jacqueline L. Marino	English	University of Massachusetts *Boston State College *University of Massachusetts

Mr. William S. Messer	Physical Education Social Studies	Springfield College, B. S. *University of Vermont *University of Massachusetts
Mr. John R. Miles	Physics & Science	N. Adams State Teachers' College B. S. E. Michigan State University, M. A. T.
Mr. John A. Peters	English	Trinity College, B. A. *Fitchburg State College *Harvard University
Mrs. Frances Peters	Social Studies	Bridgewater State College, B. S. Ed. *University of Massachusetts
Miss Karen J. Peterson	English	University of Massachusetts, B. A. *Boston University
Mr. Ernest P. Pike	Guidance Director	Fitchburg State Teacher's College B. S. E., M. E. *Boston University *Keene Teachers' College *University of Massachusetts *University of Colorado *University of Extension
Mr. Edward A. Potter	Math., Algebra	Castleton State College, B. S.
Mr. Ronald M. Richard, Jr.	Speech, Science Library	Worcester State Teachers College B. S.
Mr. John C. Trumbull	Social Studies World History	University of Massachusetts, B. A., M. Ed.

Mr. Linwood R. Wallace	Industrial Arts	Gorham State Teachers College, B. S. *University of Maine *University of Rhode Island
Mrs. Thelma K. Yeager	Latin, English Composition	Bates College, A. B. Boston University, M. A. University of Massachusetts Summer School
Mrs. Ruth M. Young	Shorthand	American International College, B. S., M. A.
Business Math & Bookkeeping		*University of Massachusetts., Extension
Mr. August C. Mello	Art Supervisor	Massachusetts College of Art., B. S. Ed.
Miss Phyllis Drew	Music Supervisor	Crane School of Music *New York University *Columbia University *Westminster Choir College
Mr. Eugene Gancarz	Instrumental Music	Boston University, B. M., M. M. *University of Massachusetts

*Additional courses

Principal's Secretary - Mrs. Madeline Trumbull

School Nurse - Mrs. Dorothy Streeter, R. N.

School Doctor - Dr. Ansel B. True

Cafeteria Workers - Mrs. Agnes Wickey, Head

Mrs. Nellie Barber

Mrs. Olive Stone

Custodians - Mr. Ning Der, Head

Mr. John D. Ware

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee:

May I submit the report of the music program. Because of the sincere efforts of the teaching staff and administration in Union #18, the music program continues to grow. However, we are in need of added teaching personnel and materials with which to work.

The pianos in all schools have been tuned.

The seventh and eighth grade students travelled to Springfield in March for a symphony concert.

The senior glee club gave a paid concert in April and took part in the Western Massachusetts Music Festival in May.

They sang at the Baccalaureate and graduation exercises.

The year ended with a concert of Christmas music which has become an annual event.

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS DREW

Music Supervisor

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee:

One hundred and twenty-four students are presently enrolled in the instrumental music program at the Pioneer Valley Regional School. The senior band numbers sixty-eight. The remaining fifty-six students form the junior band.

The senior band meets twice weekly. It performs at all football games, participates in rallies, parades, concerts and music festivals.

The junior band also meets twice weekly. Its main function is to train students for the senior band.

The senior band played an exchange concert this past school year with the Kennebunk High School Band from Kennebunk, Maine. This proved to be very popular with the students in both bands. Reports from this affair were most satisfactory and highly commendable.

Another program highlight was the Follies Show, Way Down Yonder in New Orleans." The cast included more than one-hundred students rendering two enthusiastic performances. Capacity audiences attended both performances.

The junior band also had an exchange concert. It was with the Northampton Junior High School Band. Their conduct and performance deserve the high praise bestowed upon them.

A twenty-eight piece pep band performed at all home basketball games and a sixteen piece stage band played for the Follies Show.

Respectfully submitted,
EUGENE GANCARZ

Director

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee:

I submit herewith my second annual report as Union Art Supervisor.

The junior high grades worked with water color, paper mache, ceramics, and various graphic drawings. Also, included in their projects was an introduction to the understanding of commercial art.

The senior high students worked on three scheduled projects. The first lesson was a still life oil painting, which for many of the students proved to be a new and stimulating art experience. A ceramics lesson was next, which required each student to model, glaze and fire a ceramic piece. As the last project, each student was allowed to choose what phase of art they would like to pursue as a project.

Respectfully submitted,
AUGUST C. MELLO

Art Supervisor

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee:

In the fall all students in grades seven and ten had physical examinations; also all new students and any student participating in sports.

Ear testing for all students was done in the late fall while eye tests were done in the spring. Parents have been most cooperative in having their children's eye and ear failures seen to, though sometimes due to lack of funds, it takes time.

The Home Nursing Course taught for sixteen weeks gives the senior girls a better understanding of the special needs in caring for the sick and prepares them to give direct assistance in the event someone in the family is ill.

The job of the School Nurse is a challenging one. I feel that she fills a definite need at school for which no one else can do or has the time. I only hope that at sometime in the future the School Committee will see fit to make this job a full time rather than a part time job.

I wish to thank all the school personnel for their patience and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY STREETER R. N.

School Nurse

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee:

This year, as in the past years, I have examined all new pupils, the students of the seventh and the tenth grades, and all members of the athletic teams and squads.

Any defects that were found were reported to the parents and they were asked to check them with their family physicians.

There was an increase in the number of examinations to be done due to an increase in the school enrollment. Obesity in

children was often encountered and seems to deserve special attention in the future.

I, also, attended all the home football games and administered any necessary first aid to the players of both teams.

Respectfully submitted,

ANSEL B. TRUE, M. D.

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

January 1, 1964 - December 31, 1964

Balance on hand December 31, 1963	
Capital	\$2684 16
Operational	50958 55
School Lunches	283 37
Athletic Fund	427 11
George Barden Fund (Vo. Ag.)	881 80
National Defense Education Act, Title III and V	63 83
Reserve for Maturing Debt	
Savings Deposits	60204 60
Trust Funds, Savings Deposit	340 16
Trust Funds, Cash	4 53 115848 11

Receipts

Capital	
Reimbursement and aid on const.	43785 66
Interest on savings deposit	2138 61
Town of Bernardston assessment	11928 80
Town of Leyden assessment	4119 29
Town of Northfield assessment	22398 68
Town of Warwick assessment	4462 57 88833 61
Operational	
Reimbursement of transportation	45755 50
Tuition and transportation State wards	935 00
Aid to Vocational Schools	2535 16
Town of Bernardston assessment	73254 96
Town of Leyden assessment	20208 27
Town of Northfield assessment	114819 69

Town of Warwick assessment	24341	77	
Tuition:			
Edward Olsen	194	88	
George Olsen	533	66	
Ingrid Olsen	533	66	
Town of Colrain	286	66	
Juan Maldonado	335	40	
Town of Greenfield	495	14	
Town of Gill	5402	92	7782 32
Miscellaneous:			
E. P. A.	163	80	
Sale of materials	163	73	
Town of Greenfield			
transportation	17	25	
Use of building	436	00	
Employer's comp.	33	94	
Adult education	102	00	
Other receipts	96	27	1012 99 290645 66
Reimbursement under National Defense Act			
Title III and Title V	1669	88	
School Lunches	20855	81	
George Barden Fund (Vocational Ag.)	944	00	
Athletic Fund	1897	72	
Trust Funds, interest on savings deposit	14	88	404861 56
Total receipts and holdings			\$520709 67
Disbursements:			
Capital			
Interest due May 1	\$550	00	
Interest due November 1	495	00	
Interest due January 1	11825	00	
Interest due July 1	11825	00	
Redemption of bonds 2.20%	5000	00	
Redemption of bonds 2.75%	70000	00	99695 00
Operational:			
Administration	8071	25	
Instruction	186216	56	
Other Services	49991	40	
Operation & Maintenance	30947	43	
Fixed charges	4897	29	

Acquisition of Equipment	3161 72	283285 65
School Lunches		19418 74
Athletic Association		1729 00
George Barden Fund (Vo. Ag.)		750 84
National Defense Education Act Title III and V		619 45
Total Disbursements:		\$405498 68
Balance on hand December 31, 1964		
Capital	2138 61	
Operational	58318 56	
School Lunches	1720 44	
Athletic fund	595 83	
George Barden Fund (Vo. Ag.)	1074 96	
National Defense Ed. Act Title III & V	1114 26	
Reserve for Maturing Debt		
Savings Deposits	49888 76	
Trust Funds, Savings deposit	340 16	
Trust Funds, Cash	19 41	115210 99
		\$520709 67

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD A. KING

Treasurer

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL

School Committee Financial Report — 1964

	Approp. 1964	Expend 1964	Recom. 1965
1000 Administration	8635 00	8071 25	9496 00
2000 Instruction	190850 00	186216 56	202440 00
3000 Other Services	49390 00	49991 40	51500 00
4000 Operation & Maintenance	33350 00	30947 43	35750 00
5000 Fixed Charges	5725 00	4897 29	4914 00
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets	4050 00	3161 72	6900 00
Totals	292000 00	283285 65	*311000 00

* Contains \$944.00 Smith-Hughes Funds.

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Capital Budget

1965

Maturing Debt, May		\$5000 00	
Maturing Debt, July		70000 00	
Interest \$45000 00 May	\$495 00		
Interest \$40000 00 November	440 00		
Interest \$790000 00 January	10862 50		
Interest \$790000 00 July	10862 50	22660 00	
			\$97660 00
Against this amount we are applying		43785 66	
State Aid Building Reimbursement			
Appropriate from:			
E. & D. Surplus			
1964 Savings Interest	2126 18		
Savings withdrawals	10873 82	13000 00	
			56785 66
Town Appropriation			40874 34
Down			2035 00
		1964. Shares	1965. Shares
Bernardston	27.8	\$11928 80	\$11363 07
Leyden	9.6	4119 29	3923 94
Northfield	52.2	22393 68	21336 40
Warwick	10.4	4462 57	4250 93

School Lunch Program — 1964

Net worth January 1, 1964		\$982 47
Cash balance		\$1016 47
Receipts:		
Student lunches	14028 00	
Adult lunches	1053 50	
Milk	342 24	
U.S.D.A.	4504 74	
Other	181 60	20110 08
Total Cash		19093 61
Disbursements:		

Food	13107 91	
Labor	5665 60	
Other	597 49	
Total		19371 00
Cash balance		\$ -277 39
Cash balance	\$ -277 39	
U.S.D.A. Claims	2007 11	
Inventory	497 95	
Net worth December 31, 1964		\$2227 67

Northfield Town Warrant

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the

TOWN HALL

in said Northfield on Monday the first day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year:—

Town Clerk for one year, Town Treasurer for one year, Tax Collector for one year, one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, Town Moderator for one year, one School Committee member for three years, one School Committee member for one year, one member of Pioneer Valley Regional School District committee for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, one library Trustee for one year, one member of the Planning Board for five years, Three Constables for three years, one Constable for three years, a resident of Northfield Farms.

The polls will open at ten A.M. and close at eight P.M.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 2, 1965 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the Reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

Article 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1965; and to issue a note or notes thereof, payable within one year, and to renew such notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws; any debt or debts in-

curred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1965.

Article 3. To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town or act thereon.

Article 4. To see whether the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials for the calendar year 1965, raise and appropriate sums of money therefore and raise and appropriate further sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town and for other necessary charges.

The Finance Committee recommends as follows:

Moderator Salary	\$25 00	Constable, Special Police	
Expense	15 00	Pay, Exp. &	
Finance Committee		Equipment	1750 00
Expense	25 00	Fence viewers, Field	
Selectmen	1325 00	Drivers, & Pound	
Chairman	475 00	Keeper	50 00
Other members	425 00	Fire Department	
Expense	600 00	Salaries	500 00
Town Accountant	1100 00	Operating Acct.	4500 00
Expense	85 00	Public Safety	50 00
Treasurer Salary	1000 00	Fire Dept. Hose &	
Expense	450 00	Equipment	1300 00
Tax Collector Salary	1000 00	Water Holes	400 00
Expense	700 00	Hydrant Service	400 00
Foreclosure costs		Fire Station & Town	
Tax Title	150 00	Garage	
Protection Tax Title		Maintenance	1900 00
Prop.	25 00	Tree, Trim, & Plant	1200 00
Assessors Salary	1200 00	Combat Dutch Elm	3000 00
Each Member	400 00	Insect & Pest Control	500 00
Expense	400 00	Wire Inspector	50 00
Town Clerk Salary	550 00	Sealer of Weights &	
Expense	100 00	Measures Salary &	
Legal Expense	250 00	Expense	200 00
Election &		Dog Officer & Expense	200 00
Registration	1000 00	Civil Defense	100 00
Planning Board		Public Health	5500 00
Expense	200 00	Nurse & Substitute	3200 00
Town Hall		Expense	75 00
Maintenance	6000 00	Car Expense	200 00

Inspection of Animals	200 00	Soldiers Relief	2000 00
Inspection of Meat		School Committee	
and Slaug.	50 00	Salary	300 00
Highway Superintendent		Each Member	100 00
Expense	200 00	PVRS Committee	
Highway Dept. Sick		Salary	300 00
Leave, Vacations, &		Each Member	100 00
Holidays	1100 00	Elementary Schools	
Tools for Highway			142110 00
Work	400 00	PVRSD Capital	
Snow Removal	9000 00	Budget	21336 40
Highways, Bridges		PVRSD Operating	
and Railings	3000 00	Budget	124902 94
Highways Bounds,		Maintenance Athletic	
Surveys and St. list	100 00	Field	400 00
Sidewalks	500 00	Town Reports	1100 00
Street lighting	6600 00	Memorial Day &	
Land Damage	100 00	Veterans Day	
Welfare Board	275 00	Observances	350 00
Chairman	125 00	Fire & Casualty	
Other Members	75 00	Insurance	6300 00
General Relief	4000 00	Town Clock	100 00
Old Age Assistance	17000 00	Alexander Hall	250 00
A.D.C.	3000 00	Cemeteries	2600 00
Disability Assistance	1000 00	Fire Station Bonds	
Medical Assistance to		Interest	684 00
the Aged	13000 00	Maturing Debt	3000 00
Welfare		Interest	300 00
Administration	728 50		

Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as clerk of the Board under the provisions of Section 4a, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, and to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to pay the salary of such clerk or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends \$900.00.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to have the Assessors publish a Tax Valuation book and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Fire Dept. to purchase new tires for the Maxim Fire Truck.

The Finance Committee recommends \$400.00.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of state highways, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$4950.00 and transfer \$18,150.00 from unappropriated funds in the treasury.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$6750.00 for the Town's share, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$20,250.00 for the state and county's share.

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$2000.00 and transfer \$4000.00.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the Machinery Fund a sum of money for the Machinery Maintenance Account, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$1500.00 and transfer the sum of \$7000.00 from the Machinery Fund.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,500.00 to purchase a new front end loader and as part payment thereof, to trade its existing front end loader.

The Finance Committee recommends \$11,500.00.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of, by sale or otherwise, the old dump body of the Highway Dept. or take any action thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the use of the Field Library at Northfield Farms or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$150.00.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the operation of Dickinson Memorial Library or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$7100.00.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money received from the County, known as the "Dog Fund," for the Dickinson Memorial Library, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept any sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a grant providing state aid for free public libraries under the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960 and to appropriate the exact sum so received for its public library or libraries, pass any vote or votes in relation thereto or act thereon.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the friend and family of Mrs. William P. Stanley the sum of \$195.00 to be left at interest and only the interest used by the Dickinson Memorial Library to purchase books. This amount to be added to the Stanley Book Fund.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to annually appoint a committee of not less than three, nor more than seven, residents of the Town to act as a swimming pool committee, to supervise the operation and maintenance of Schell Pool so long as said Schell Pool shall be made available by the owner, or owners thereof, for recreational use by the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield with the power to adopt rules and regulations for the operation of same, including the right to establish charges upon persons using same, raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money therefor, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to be used to purchase fish to be liberated in the streams of Northfield, under the supervision of the Selectmen, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$200.00.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 486 of the Acts of 1964 relative to certain increases for pensioners, or act thereon.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairs and maintenance of the Northfield Museum and Number Four School House, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$1000.00.

Article 23. To see whether the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the installation of a new oil burning boiler and controls at the Elementary School, North Building (old High School) and authorize the raising by taxation or the transfer from available funds or the borrowing of any part thereof, and pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends \$20,000.00.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution: Whereas the General Court sitting as a Constitutional Convention, did on July 16, 1963, give initial approval to a Home Rule amendment to the state Constitution, and whereas this bill of rights for local governments requires a second approval by the members of the General Court during this legislative session, and whereas we, as members of this Town Meeting, feel competent to handle the affairs of our town without strict supervision by the Commonwealth of our every act and deed. Now therefore be it resolved that this town meeting hereby instructs its representatives to the General Court to vote in favor of the Home Rule proposal (H1384 of 1963 as revised when it comes before them, or take any other action relative thereto.

PROPOSED HOME RULE AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to study the advisability of establishing a water district in the part of town known as West Northfield and report at the next annual Town Meeting.

The proposed amendment would annul Article II of the Amendments to the Constitution, as amended, which authorizes the Legislature to establish cities in certain towns and to provide for ward, or other meetings, for the election of constitutional officers and to establish representative town meeting forms of government in certain other towns, and substitute there for a new

Article II.

The proposed new Article II consists of nine sections. Section I states an intent to grant and confirm the right of local self government in local matters subject to the Article and laws thereunder.

Section 2 provides that any city or town shall have the power to adopt or revise a charter, or to amend its existing charter, through procedures specified in the Article, city government being restricted to towns of twelve thousand or more and representative town meeting government to towns of six thousand or more.

Section 3 provides for adoption or revision of a charter on petition by fifteen per cent of the others; the submission to the voters of the question and for the nomination and election, of a charter commission; in the event of an affirmative vote the nine candidates who individually receive the greater number of votes to be declared elected. The charter or revised charter is to be submitted within ten months to the city council or selectmen, who shall provide for publication and for submitting it to a vote at least two months thereafter, the charter or revised charter to be effective if it is approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon.

Under section 4 amendments to a charter may be proposed by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the legislative body of a city or town voting thereon, except that in cities having mayors, the mayor must concur, and changes relating to composition, elections, or term of the legislative body, mayor, city manager, selectmen or town manager shall be made only by the procedure for charter adoption. All charter amendments are to be published and submitted for approval as provided for adoption or revision of a charter.

Section 5 provides for duplicate certificates setting forth any charter adopted, revised or amended, by the city or town clerk, one to be deposited in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the other in the records of the city or town, and that all courts may take judicial notice thereof.

Under section 6 any city or town by ordinance or by-law may exercise any authority the Legislature has power to confer on it, which is not inconsistent with the Constitution or laws enacted by the General Court in conformity with the powers reserved to it in section 8, and which is not denied to the city or town by its

charter. It is provided that the section shall apply to every city or town whether or not it has adopted a charter.

Under section 7, nothing in the Article is to be deemed to grant a city or town power to (1) regulate elections; (2) levy, assess or collect taxes; (3) borrow money or pledge its credit; (4) dispose of park land; (5) enact private or civil law governing civil relationships except as an exercise of an independent municipal power or; (6) define and provide for the punishment of a felony or to impose imprisonment except as may be authorized by the General Court in conformity to the powers reserved to it by section 8 of the Article, nor shall the provisions of the Article be deemed to diminish the judicial powers of the Commonwealth.

Under section 8 the General Court shall have power to act in relation to cities and towns only by general laws applying alike to all, or to a class of not fewer than two except for special laws enacted, (1) on prior petition approved by the voters, the local legislative body, or the town meeting, relating to the city or town; (2) by a two-thirds affirmative vote or each branch of the General Court following a recommendation by the Governor; (3) establishing metropolitan or regional entities embracing two or more cities or towns or parts thereof for a public purpose and granting powers thereto; or (4) limited to incorporation or dissolution of cities or towns as entities, alteration of boundaries, or merger or consolidation of cities or towns. Subject thereto the General Court may provide optional plans of municipal government and the adoption thereof by vote, subject to the restrictions as to population already set out. The section is to apply to every city or town whether or not it has adopted a charter.

Under section 9 all special laws relating to individual cities and towns are to remain in effect and have the force of an existing charter, but are to be subject to change in accordance with the provision of sections 3 and 4.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Overlay Reserve, a sum of money for a Reserve Fund for the current year, or take any vote or votes relative thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends \$5000.00.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to be used by the Assessors in determining the 1965 Tax Rate, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$45,000.00.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices at Northfield and East Northfield, Barnes Service Station in West Northfield, and Field Library at Northfield Farms in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty five.

ROBERT B. SHEARER
DWIGHT P. STEARNS
STANLEY J. POWERS

Selectmen of Northfield

A true copy. Attest:

Constable.

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